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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



In this first edition you can meet the project coordinator SHINE 2Europe and the Croatian Institute of Public Health (CIPH). In their interviews, SHINE tell us where the idea to launch this project came from and how this adventure is going. CIPH will let us know what they learned so far and what they expect from the months to come.

WHAT IS STEP-UP

ABOUT

The **STEP_UP: Stop Epidemic Growth Through Learning** project is a European Erasmus+ project (December 2020 - February 2023) that intends to develop a training tool for social care and community stakeholders, where they are introduced to the impact of behaviours in the spread of a pandemic/ emergency situation and trained, through gaming strategies, to prevent and cope.

RESULTS

The core of STEP_UP is an educational game that can also be for recreational use by the common public. Besides the gaming tool and a complete training toolkit, a manual on social and policy interventions will be delivered, to offer target-group oriented guidelines and insights on early detection, preventive measures, healthcare and social care interventions, policy measures and communication. The manual will be completed with real-life oriented user stories, good practices and lessons learned.



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WHAT WE DID SO FAR

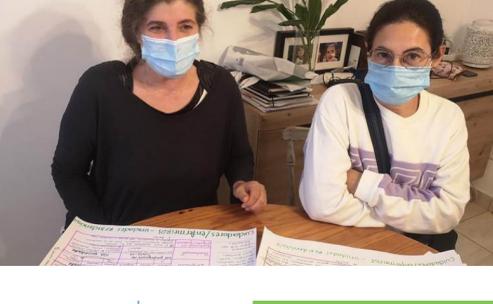
THE VIRTUAL LIBRARY IS ONLINE! OPEN CALL

In STEP_UP we performed an extensive review, in the partners national languages and from international sources, of relevant and accurate materials on the COVID pandemic (and other epidemics) and societal measures to deal with emergency situations. These materials are now gathered in this virtual library, with over 200 entries fully open for consultation.
DO YOU WANT TO HAVE YOUR WORK REPRESENTED IN THIS VIRTUAL LIBRARY?



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Over 200 entries of credible materials are available in our Library. Until February 2023 add your research! We have a permanent international CALL for measures and best practices open for submission.



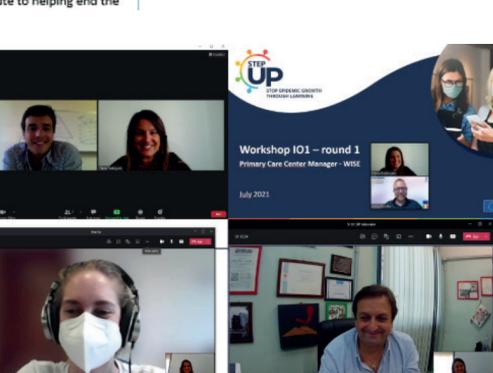
Nurses and caregivers support in the STEP_UP game development

During the month of July, SHINE 2Europe consulted nurses and formal caregivers to devise the scenes and measures of our educational game.



Croatia workshops with Public Health and epidemiologists

For the purposes of the development of the STEP_UP game and characters, CIPH is creating a character and scenes in the field of public health. The goal was to identify stakeholders within this sector and bring their expertise and real life experience together through a constructive workshop.



Interviews to health care managers help design the characters

WISE ANGLE has been tasked with consulting key stakeholders so as to feed the participatory co-creation process aimed at designing the characters, the real-life situations they will face in the playing scenarios and the measures they will have to put in place to help stop the virus pandemic and contain its impacts.



ISIS interviews volunteer groups to advise on the game design

In July ISIS Social Research concluded the talks with representatives of the German neighbourhood assistance groups from Frankfurt-Nordend, Hanau-Kesselstadt, Groß-Auheim and Hainstadt.



STEP_UP scenarios for politician well received by stakeholders

AFedemy developed the scenario of Mrs. Britta Johnson. Vice prime minister and minister of Health on a fictive island who is confronted with the detection of a strange virus in Europe. AFedemy discussed the scenarios with a (former) politician and several policy officers from municipalities and ministries.



STEP_UP feature in EPAL

The Erasmus+ STEP_UP project: Stop Epidemic Growth Through Learning, was featured in the EPAL website!

WHEN WE MET



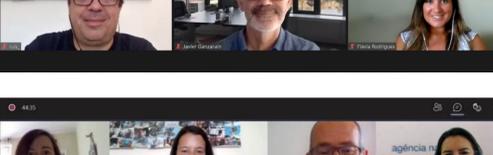
Second transnational meeting

STEP_UP partners met on 1-2 September in a hybrid meeting hosted in Gouda - the second transnational meeting of the project. It was great to meet each other and debate the project activities face-to-face (with delicious Gouda cheese).



STEP-UP Kick-off meeting

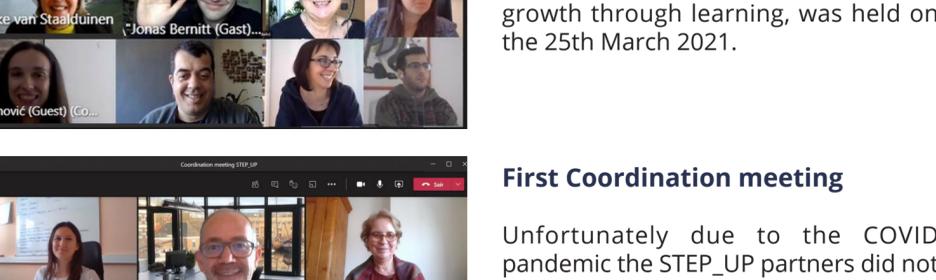
The official kick-off meeting of the new international project STEP_UP, addressing strategies to slow pandemic growth through learning, was held on the 25th March 2021.



First Coordination meeting

Unfortunately due to the COVID pandemic the STEP_UP partners did not meet in person, but as they wait for future opportunities they met online and progressed with their work.

WHO WE ARE



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