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DICOMP Transfer

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Project Information

Title: DICOMP Transfer

Project Number: 2009-1-AT1-LEO05-01185

Year: 2009

Project Type: Transfer of Innovation

Status: completed

Country: AT-Austria

Marketing Text: The DICOMP Transfer project deals with the situation of blind people in Europe; especially as far as their access to vocational education and the labour market is concerned, these people face particular discrimination due to an increasing digitisation of contents and topics.

Summary: Besides numerous other issues of social discrimination and drawbacks, blind and visually impaired people particularly face serious disadvantages on the labour market. The unemployment rate among this target group of more than 6.5 million people in Europe is extremely high in all EU countries.(E. g. Germany: 72 %; Poland: 87 %; between 40 and 50 % on average in the European countries; see Employment Study of the European Blind Union.) There are still hardly any chances for this target group to get high-quality and, therefore, highly reputed jobs. The reasons for this situation are manifold: In addition to a generally still discriminating approach by the society and in addition to high competition and globalisation pressure on enterprises, which makes consequent employment of blind people difficult, the situation can particularly be seen in connection with the fact that high-quality jobs almost always demand IT knowledge. The possibilities for blind people to work with IT, however, are basically subject to the following limitations: the working aids offered (screen reader software) are expensive and cannot be financed by the enterprises without external support (by the welfare systems); existing working aids are only poorly compatible with standard software (e. g. Outlook, Excel, Access); individual countries (mainly among the new member countries) have no supporting systems that would fund the use of existing solutions. Moreover, blind people are often not sufficiently competent to work with existing working aids, and there is no adequate supporting structure. Generally, this situation results in blind people facing tremendous labour market disadvantages all over Europe (and particularly in the new member states); they have hardly any chances of getting into high-quality jobs since they cannot (or only with the help of extremely expensive means) work with the IT support that is characteristic for these jobs. In times of economic crisis throughout Europe, this development is even dramatically intensifying. This altogether results in the urgent demand for a package for blind people to support them in picking up IT-based content (at work and in education and training). Such a package should be: available for free, available in all European languages, accompanied by an adequate supporting structure.

Description: The DICOMP Transfer project deals with the situation of blind people in Europe; especially as far as their access to vocational education and the labour market is concernded, these people face particular discrimination due to an increasing digitisation of contents and topics. Higher-quality jobs and more complex forms of vocational education and training are usually based on IT-based content. At the same time, blind people face - due to missing possibilities and tools - huge barriers, which are also responsible for the high unemployment rate of more than 70 % (!) on a European level. In most countries, existing solutions for the target group to pick up electronic learning content cannot be funded because of missing or weak social welfare systems and can, therefore, not be used. The DICOMP Transfer project adapts the only free tools package in Europe for picking up IT-based content that has been developed in an e-learning project (DICOMP-S.NET) and transfers it into the newly defined target countries (ES, EL, TK, PL, and BG).

Themes:
*** Higher education
*** Access for disadvantaged
** Labor market
* Open and distance learning

Project Information

Sectors: *** Education

Product Types: website
teaching material
program or curricula
others

Product information: The tools package consists of a screen reader software, a speech synthesiser, a tutor training programme, and a fully comprehensive user documentation. During adaptation phase, existing contents and tools have been, based on a detailed specification analysis in the new target countries, adapted to the new specifications. During the project implementation phase, these tools have been - accompanied by an information campaign for companies and institutions dealing with vocational education and training - transferred to the new target countries and are now widely used there. The project partnership consists of representatives of the root project (representing technical and pedagogic parts) and of institutions dealing with education and training and counselling for the target group in the new target countries; the latter act as adaptation and transfer partners. The expectations with regard to the project impacts include reaching improved accessibility regarding vocational education and training and also regarding the labour market for about 30 % of the blind people in the respective partner countries; without the project results these people would have no possibility of adequately picking up IT-based contents in their vocational education and training. The project results are (a) a screen reader for all electronic learning contents, (b) a speech synthesiser for the voiced output of the contents, (c) a tutor training programme for tutors who support the implementation and use of the products within the target group, and (d) a full user documentation (manual) with explanations for using the results. All products are available in the languages DE, EN, ES, EL, TK, BG, and PL.

Projecthomepage: www.screenreader4free.eu

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Country/Region:	Wielkopolskie
Country:	PL-Poland
Organization Type:	SME - small and medium-sized enterprise (up to 250 employees)
Homepage:	http://www.harpo.com.pl

Partner 2

Name:	ALTINOKTA KOERLER DERNEGI
City:	Ankara
Country/Region:	Ankara
Country:	TR-Turkey
Organization Type:	association/non-governmental organisation
Homepage:	http://www.altinokta.org.tr

Partner 3

Name:	Screenreader.net CIC
City:	Peterborough
Country/Region:	East Anglia
Country:	UK-United Kingdom
Organization Type:	others
Homepage:	http://www.screenreader.net

Partner 4

Name:	Lawton School
City:	Gijón
Country/Region:	Principado de Asturias
Country:	ES-Spain
Organization Type:	continuing training institution
Homepage:	http://www.lawtonschool.com

Partner

Partner 5

Name:	Assist NET
City:	Sofia
Country/Region:	Severozapaden
Country:	BG-Bulgaria
Organization Type:	continuing training institution
Homepage:	http://www.assist-net.eu

Partner 6

Name:	The Center of Education and Rehabilitation for the Blind
City:	Thessaloniki
Country/Region:	Kentriki Makedonia
Country:	EL-Greece
Organization Type:	others
Homepage:	http://www.keat.gr

Project Files

dicomp 1º newsletter.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/5433/prj/dicomp%201%C2%BA%20newsletter.pdf

Newsletter Dicomp Transfer

dicomp second newsletter-en.pdf

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DICOMP TRANSFER 3º NEWSLETTER.pdf

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Products

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5 bfi Newsletter

6 Screenreader Thunder + Speech Synthesizer

7 Tutorials

Product 'Project leaflets Dicomp Transfer'

Title: Project leaflets Dicomp Transfer

Product Type: distribution methods

Marketing Text: The DICOMP Transfer project

Blind and visually impaired people face huge barriers to learning, vocational training as well as lack of promotion opportunities. Amongst other reasons for this, most work tasks are based around the use of the computer and assistive disability software has remained high cost and unaffordable to unemployed citizens.

The e-learning project DICOMP Transfer empowers the visually impaired back into mainstream society and employment by making free screen reading software available.

Aims & Outcomes

Description: Leaflets in all partner languages

Target group: Organisations for blind and visually impaired people

Result: Leaflet to hand out

Area of application: Information

Homepage: http://www.screenreader4free.eu/DicompTransfer/download.html

Product Languages: German
English
Bulgarian
Turkish
Spanish
Polish
Greek

Product 'Project homepage'

Title:	Project homepage
Product Type:	website
Marketing Text:	Digital competence for blind people as a basis for work and vocational education and training project | partners | news | download | FAQ | tutor training | internal
Description:	Project homepage
Target group:	Organizations for blind & visually impaired people, blind & visually impaired in the partner countries
Result:	Transportation of the project results and the project product "free screenreader" in the partner countries
Area of application:	Project homepage for the partners and transportation of the project results and the project product "free screenreader" in the partner countries
Homepage:	http://www.screenreader4free.eu/DicompTransfer/index.html
Product Languages:	Bulgarian English Polish Spanish German Greek Turkish

Product 'Project Newsletter'

Title:	Project Newsletter
Product Type:	distribution methods
Marketing Text:	Digital Competence for Blind People as a Basis for Work and Vocational Education and Training. Blind and visually impaired people face huge barriers to learning, vocational training as well as lack of promotion opportunities. Amongst other reasons for this, most work tasks are based around the use of the computer and assistive disability software has remained high cost and unaffordable to unemployed citizens.
Description:	Newsletter
Target group:	Organizations for blind & visually impaired as well as blind & visually impaired themselves
Result:	Newsletter
Area of application:	Information
Homepage:	http://www.screenreader4free.eu/DicompTransfer/downloads/Newsletter/1st_newsletter_web.pdf
Product Languages:	Polish Spanish Turkish English Bulgarian Greek German

Product 'English Presentation Dicomp Transfer'

Title:	English Presentation Dicomp Transfer
Product Type:	others
Marketing Text:	Digital competence for blind people as a basis for work and vocational education and training
Description:	PDF Presentation
Target group:	Organization who deal with blind & visually impaired people
Result:	Presentation for transnational meetings and presentations
Area of application:	Presentations
Homepage:	http://www.screenreader4free.eu/DicompTransfer/downloads/Dicomp%20Transfer_PPP_EN.pdf
Product Languages:	English

Product 'bfi Newsletter'

Title:	bfi Newsletter
Product Type:	distribution methods
Marketing Text:	EU Projektmeeting Dicomp Transfer in Gijon (Spanien)
Description:	Newsletter
Target group:	bfi and partner organizations
Result:	Information
Area of application:	Information
Homepage:	
Product Languages:	German

product files

ma-newsletter-22-10.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/5433/prd/5/1/ma-newsletter-22-10.pdf
bfi Newsletter

Product 'Screenreader Thunder + Speech Synthesizer'

Title:	Screenreader Thunder + Speech Synthesizer
Product Type:	others
Marketing Text:	A free tool package for picking up IT content for the blind and visually impaired.
Description:	It consists of a Screenreader, a Speech Synthezizer and the Internet Browser Webbie.
Target group:	The blind and visually impaired, companies, VET - Centers, etc.
Result:	Software
Area of application:	
Homepage:	www.screenreader4free.eu
Product Languages:	English

Product 'Tutorials'

Title:	Tutorials
Product Type:	teaching material
Marketing Text:	Tuturials for the use of Thunder
Description:	User manual and tutorial for the screenreader software Thunder
Target group:	The blind and visually impaired, companies, VET Centers etc.
Result:	Handbook
Area of application:	
Homepage:	
Product Languages:	English

Events

4th Partner Meeting DICOMP transfer

Date	12.07.2011
Description	Partner Meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria
Target audience	Project partners, invited guests
Public	Closed event
Contact Information	
Time and place	12.07.2011 - 13.07.2011, Sofia

Round Table at bfi Steiermark

Date	14.02.2011
Description	On the 14th of February 2011, a round table with representatives from organisations and institutions, working for and with blind and visually impaired persons was taking place at bfi Steiermark. Existing technologies, like screenreaders, braille displays and the use of smartphones were intensively discussed, as well as an outlook for further developments and trends was given. The meeting was a success for all participants and laid the foundation for a fruitful cooperation in future.
Target audience	Blind organisations
Public	Closed event
Contact Information	
Time and place	14:00 - 16:00 bfi Steiermark, Mariengasse 24, 8020 Graz

3rd Partner Meeting - Ankara, turkey

Date	02.02.2011
Description	Partner meeting in Ankara. Discussion about information campaign and implementation phase as well as technical issues.
Target audience	Partners
Public	Closed event
Contact Information	
Time and place	02.02.2011 - 03.02.2011

Events

Dissemination at the bfi EU project circle

Date	16.06.2010
Description	EU project circle
Target audience	bfi EU project managers
Public	Closed event
Contact Information	
Time and place	16.6.2010 in Graz

Dissemination at the EUROCONSULTS conference

Date	07.06.2010
Description	EUROCONSULTS conference
Target audience	Interested organizations in European projects from all over Austria
Public	Closed event
Contact Information	
Time and place	7. - 9.6.2010

Events

Round Table

Date	06.05.2010
Description	Round Table, Gijon, Spain (6th May 2010) A round table was organised on the 6th of May 2010 with stakeholders. It was attended by representatives from the ONCE (Organización Nacional de Ciegos Españoles / Spanish Blind Foundation), local government, associations related to illnesses which cause blindness and senior citizen associations. There was a open discussion and the round table was a real success. The event was reported on the Radio SER and Canal10 T.V. http://www.canal10tv.com/television/index.php/canal10-carta.html Barrio a Barrio , the 7th May.
Target audience	ONCE, local government, associations related to illnesses which cause blindness and senior citizen associations
Public	Closed event
Contact Information	
Time and place	Gijon, Spain (6th May 2010)

Mayoress Reception, Gijon, Spain

Date	05.05.2010
Description	Mayoress Reception, Gijon, Spain (5th May 2010) The partners presented the project “Dicomp Transfer” on the 5th of May 2010 in a Reception in the Town Hall attended by the Mayoress Doña Paz Fernandez Felgueroso. The official Reception was followed by a Press Conference in which the project was explained and the Mayoress encouraged dissemination of the project product - the free screenreader “Thunder”. The reception was reported in the daily press: The Nueva España and El Comercio, with photograhs of the partners with the Mayoress, and on the regional news in the Television del Principado de Asturias.
Target audience	Mayoress and the press
Public	Event is open to the public
Contact Information	
Time and place	5th May 2010 Gijon, Spain Town hall

Events

2nd Partner meeting in Gijon, Spain

Date	04.05.2010
Description	2nd Partner meeting
Target audience	All partners & interested organizations
Public	Event is open to the public
Contact Information	
Time and place	4. - 7. 5. 2010 in Gijon, Spain

Dissemination at the ENTER conference

Date	12.03.2010
Description	ENTER Conference
Target audience	Project partners from all over europe
Public	Closed event
Contact Information	
Time and place	12.3.2010 at Graz

1st Partner Meeting in Graz, Austria

Date	19.11.2009
Description	Partner meeting to get to know each other, learn about basic information on technical issus (Thunder & Webbie)
Target audience	Project Partners, Auxilium, NA
Public	Event is open to the public
Contact Information	
Time and place	19-20.11.2009