

TECH.LIBRARY

Enhance public library services for visually impaired users through ICT tools
and training

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Kick-off meeting
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CONTEXT

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Project start: 01/09/2020

Project end: 31/08/2022

24 months

Partners:

1. Unione della Romagna Faentina (Italy) - LP
2. Mestna Knjiznica Ljubljana (Slovenia)
3. Regionalna Narodna Biblioteka Petko P. Slaveykov (Bulgaria)
4. Gradska Knjiznica Rijeka (Croatia)
5. Mazsalaca Municipality (Latvia)
6. Biblioteca Nationala a Romaniei (Romania)
7. ARGO (Italy)

Partner countries' common need:

Finding/implementing effective ICT tools and training to enhance public library services for of visually impaired users

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1

Favor the exchange of best practices among staffs of different libraries on services and ICT tools for the involvement of visually impaired users

2

Expand library staffs' digital competencies through tailored training activities on ICT tools

3

Establish a network of libraries for cooperation in responding to visually impaired users' needs.

3 MAIN OUTPUTS = Intellectual Outputs

1. TECH.LIBRARY PLATFORM, to support the libraries' staff in the exchange of best practices and training activities/material in the field of ICT for the involvement of visually impaired .

2. TRAINING VIDEOS, collecting the sessions of the joint staff training event to be shared on the TECH.LIBRARY platform. It is a key tool addressed specifically to public librarians, to provide them with background information on visual-impairment and the state of the art regarding the development of libraries for the visually-impaired in ICT environments.

3. PRACTICAL HANDBOOK, to learn and understand how other countries and other libraries make use of ICTs for the involvement of visually impaired users.

5 WORK PACKAGES:

WP1 – PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION (WP Leader: URF)

- Kick-off meeting and Establishment of the Steering Committee
- 6 Steering Committee meetings;
- Interim/final technical and financial reporting;
- Monitoring of project indicators;
- Setting up of an online shared folder for exchanging project documents;
- Final project meeting.

WP2 – STUDY VISITS AND EXCHANGE OF BEST PRACTICES (WP Leader: City Library of Ljubljana)

- 5 transnational meetings to exchange best practices, to identify jointly the training needs of the libraries' staff and to visit the library of the hosting partner, coinciding with the Steering Committee meetings;
- Virtual cooperation through web tool and social media;
- Realization of practical handbook.

38 international participants: 6 in Rijeka, 7 in Mazsalaca, 10 in Ljubljana, 10 in Bucharest, 5 in Veliko Tarnovo.

5 WORK PACKAGES:

WP3 – DEVELOPMENT OF THE TECH.LIBRARY PLATFORM (WP Leader: URF)

- Assessment of the needs to be addressed by the platform, to be realized internally by each PP and jointly during the 2° meeting of exchange of best practices in Mazsalaca;
- Development of the functionalities;
- Technical realization

WP4 – SHORT TERM JOINT STAFF TRAINING (WP Leader: Rijeka Library)

- Collection and elaboration of training materials and videos to be uploaded on the web platform and used by the staff of all involved libraries
- Training seminar organized by Rijeka. 5 persons per partner will take part in the training activity
- 2 on-line training sessions (moodle and webinars), coordinated by Rijeka, on Adoptive Technology for Visually impaired users

5 WORK PACKAGES:

WP5 – EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION AND MULTIPLIER EVENTS– (WP Leader: NATIONAL LIBRARY OF ROMANIA)

- Elaboration of transnational and local communication strategies;
- Implementation of communication strategy: press releases, press conference before each meeting, updating all institutional websites, updating the TECH.LIBRARY Platform;
- Realization of USB stick which will contain the handbook produced in WP2;
- Final conferences (Multiplier events). International events will be organized in Faenza, Ljubljana and Bucharest, the events in Mazsalaca, Veliko Tarnovo and Rijeka will be national.

Multiplier Events (7/9)

MULTIPLIER EVENTS

Aim: To disseminate project outputs (the 3 Intellectual Outouts) and results; promoting their use and raising awareness on issues related to the access to public library services of visually impaired users.

Addressed to: local, regional and national stakeholders

| Partner | When | Nr. of local participants | Budget |
|---|---------|---------------------------|----------|
| Mestna Knjiznica Ljubljana (Slovenia) | 06-2022 | 30 | 7.000,00 |
| Biblioteca Nationala a Romaniei (Romania) | 06-2022 | 30 | 7.000,00 |
| Mazsalaca Municipality (Latvia) | 07-2022 | 25 | 2.500,00 |
| Regionalna Narodna Biblioteka Petko P. Slaveykov (Bulgaria) | 07-2022 | 25 | 2.500,00 |
| Gradska Knjiznica Rijeka (Croatia) | 07-2022 | 30 | 3.000,00 |
| Unione della Romagna Faentina (Italy) | 07-2022 | 40 | 8.000,00 |

Timetable of activities

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| Activity type | WP | Starting period | Description |
|--|----|-----------------|--|
| TPMs | 1 | October 2020 | Kick-off meeting |
| TPMs | 1 | January 2021 | 1 st periodical project meeting |
| Intellectual Output | 3 | January 2021 | TECH.LIBRARY Platform |
| TPMs | 1 | June 2021 | 2 nd periodical project meeting |
| Short-term joint staff training events | 4 | October 2021 | Joint training to improve competencies of staff on ICT and on the use of the TECH.LIBRARY platform |
| Intellectual Output | | October 2021 | Training videos |
| TPMs | 1 | November 2021 | 3 rd Periodical project meeting |
| Intellectual Output | | January 2022 | Practical handbook |
| TPMs | 1 | March 2022 | 4 th Periodical project meeting |

Timetable of activities

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| Activity type | WP | Starting period | Description |
|------------------|----|-----------------|--|
| Multiplier Event | 5 | June 2022 | TECH.LIBRARY International conference - Slovenia |
| Multiplier Event | 5 | June 2022 | TECH.LIBRARY International conference - Romania |
| Multiplier Event | 5 | July 2022 | TECH.LIBRARY International conference - Latvia |
| Multiplier Event | 5 | July 2022 | TECH.LIBRARY International conference - Bulgaria |
| Multiplier Event | 5 | July 2022 | TECH.LIBRARY International conference - Croatia |
| Multiplier Event | 5 | July 2022 | TECH.LIBRARY International conference - Italy |
| TPMs | 1 | August 2022 | Final meeting |

THANKS

Thank you!

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