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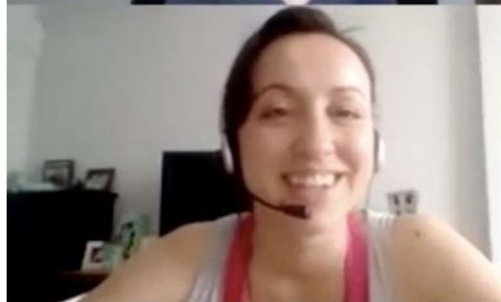
Welcome to the fourth newsletter of our Erasmus+ project **Intercultural Training for Educators** ([InterTrainE](#)). The 26-month project (2018-2020) is led by [Heriot-Watt University](#) and the Coordinator is [Dr Katerina Strani](#) from the [Department of Languages and Intercultural Studies](#).



[InterTrainE](#) includes 7 partners from 4 countries (UK, Finland, Italy and Greece) and aims to develop an intercultural training programme for educators teaching adult migrants.

The partners are:

- [Heriot-Watt University](#), UK
- [Creative Learning Programmes](#) (CLP), UK
- [Il Sicomoro](#), Italy
- [Studio Risorse](#), Italy
- Region of Crete / [KEKAPER](#), Greece
- [European Education & Learning Institute](#), Greece
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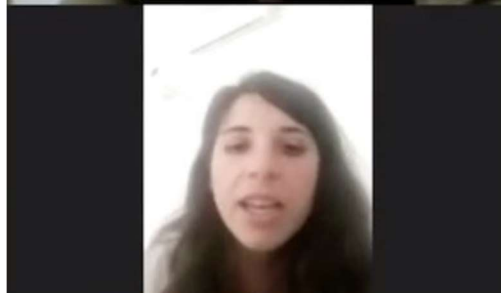
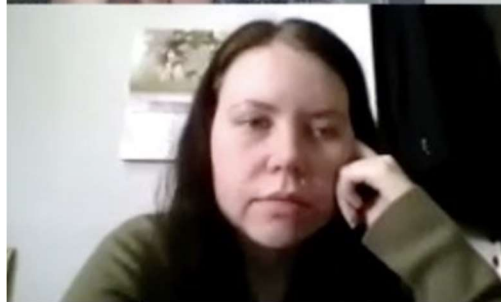


Specifically, the project is developing a modularised training curriculum with qualification standards specialised for Adult Education.

It will also produce a handbook for trainers including a theoretical framework of basic concepts, learning outcomes and the training package itself which will include practical exercises and, where possible, case studies.



All the training materials will be uploaded to a publicly accessible Moodle platform, which will be accessed via [our website](#).



## Covid-19 impact on our project

These last few months have certainly been different and difficult for many of us. Many aspects of our work and our lives have changed as we are being affected in ways we could not imagine. In light of the rapidly changing situation with the Coronavirus pandemic, the team decided that **our Joint Staff Training Event which was due to take place on 04-08 May 2020 in Rethymno, Greece, had to be postponed.**

If circumstances allow it, we will reschedule for some time in autumn 2020 or winter 2021.



1 - We hope we will be able to organise our Training Event in Rethymno in the near future.



2 - Our flyers were ready and waiting for our JSTE ... :(

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***Our 4th project meeting took place online due to Covid-19 restrictions***

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With the help of technology, we were able to hold an online partners' meeting on the 18th of May instead of our planned one in Crete. We discussed the current and next stages of the project and made sure that everyone is all right and coping with the situation at the moment. The meeting agenda can be found [here](#).

During this online meeting, the team - joined by our external evaluator, [Dr. Jim Crowther](#) - discussed the impact of Covid-19 on our project, the communications between our coordinator and the National Agency and **an eventual request for our project's extension**. This would allow us to carry out our Joint Staff Training Event and Multiplier Events in the future, hopefully once the situation with Covid-19 will be clearer.

## Progress



- Our teams have completed our Curriculum development on intercultural education and training for Adult educators, which was developed based on O1 and O2 results, and our Intellectual Outputs 5 and 6, the Training guide for adult educators and the course syllabus with final material and useful information and tips will be made available to Adult educators and all interested parties. **We also submitted a further progress report to the funder in April 2020, and we are awaiting the results and any recommendations.**

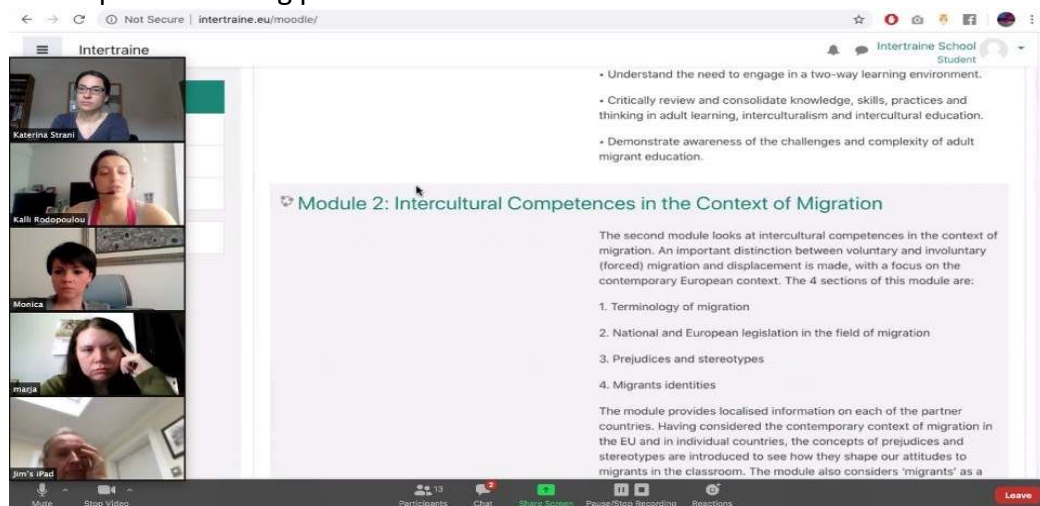
- We are now working on our **Output 4**, the learning materials for our online platform. The objective is to elaborate a set of sample training materials organised in modules and divided into topics. We are working on the development of the MOOC, where the training materials will be uploaded and adapted.
- Our External Evaluator, [Dr Jim Crowther](#) gave us his comments and evaluation of our overall progress and **we were happy to confirm that our work runs smoothly despite all the difficulties we face**. We are very grateful to our external evaluator for his feedback and guidance so far. His expertise and engagement with the project are invaluable.

You can find all our completed outputs (IO1, IO2, IO3, IO5, IO6) on our website: <http://intertraine.eu/outputs>

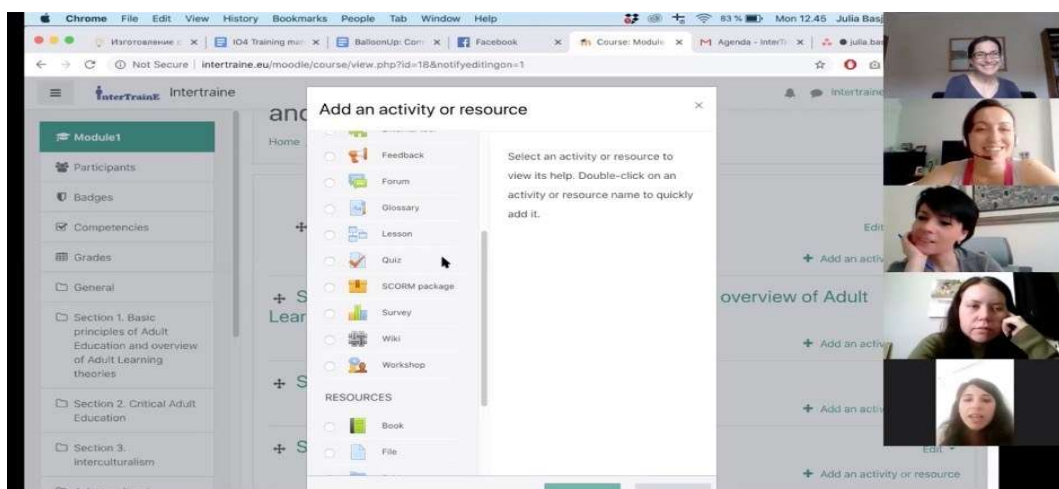
Remember that our website and our outputs are available in all project languages: English, Italian, Greek and Finnish.

## The InterTrainE Moodle platform

During our meeting, [our Finnish partner](#) also showed us the Moodle platform and we discussed the final stages of **Intellectual Output 4 – the online course**. Finally, we discussed the outputs' evaluation and peer reviewing process.

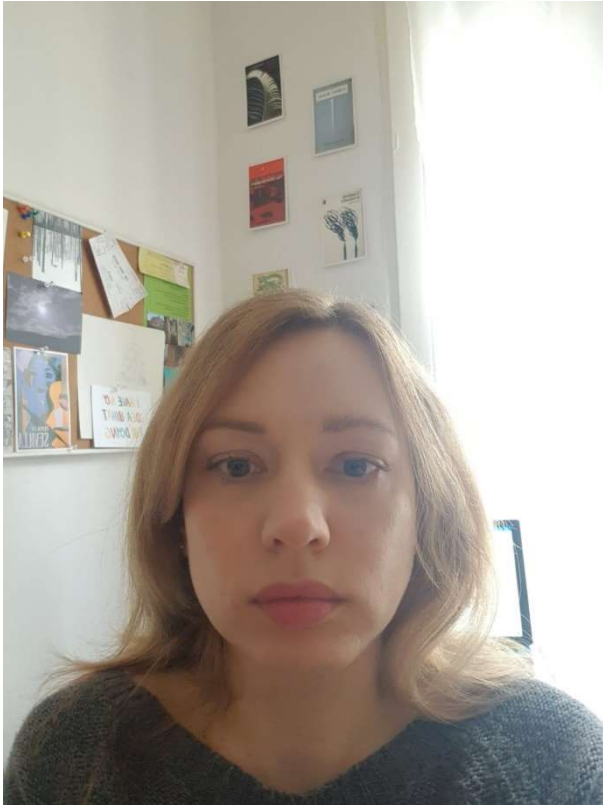


3 - [LFI](#) colleagues taking us through the comprehensive Moodle platform and through all the features





In the meantime, and as we all await developments on current circumstances, the InterTrainE partners have been busy getting used to working from home and still trying to engage with our audiences. We are continuing our research activities and development of material from home or from the workplace for those of us who are allowed to do so!



4 - Chrysi from [Creative Learning Programmes](#)

*(CLP) working from home in the UK*



5 - Monica from [Studio Risorse](#) back in her office in Matera, Italy!



6 - Katerina (the coordinator) from [Heriot-Watt University](#) working from home in the UK.



7 - Babis and Dimitra from [KEKAPER](#) back in their office in Rethymno, Crete !

We are very excited and looking forward to presenting our platform soon, as online education has a more crucial role than ever before to support and connect learning communities. Stay tuned and check out our activities on our website <http://intertraine.eu>

## Online resources accessible now

While you are anxiously waiting for our updates (😊😊), you can have a look at these online resources and tools for learners, teachers and educators during the outbreak of COVID-19 provided by EU-funded projects:

[https://ec.europa.eu/education/resources-and-tools/coronavirus-online-learning-resources/eu-funded-projects\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/education/resources-and-tools/coronavirus-online-learning-resources/eu-funded-projects_en)

If you are an educator, the Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe- has just opened a call for [#AdultLearning](#) community to share their stories.

Why not share yours at <https://epale.ec.europa.eu/en/blog/community-stories-initiative> ?

**Stay safe, everyone !**

## Project website and social media accounts

Our [project website](#) includes information and updates on our project, as well as all Intellectual Outputs to date. The website is available in all partner languages - [English](#), [Greek](#), [Italian](#) and [Finnish](#).

Updates are published regularly on social media. To make sure you don't miss out:

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***Our next newsletter will be out in Autumn 2020, so stay tuned!***

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