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Ted2 PROJECT – ADAPTATION PROCESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Country Lithuania

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TARGET GROUP/ CONTEXT	<p>The course is addressed to people interested in implementing a training path to learn the skills of a PET TRAINER in the Assisted Animal Interventions (AAI), training pairs of dogs-trainers having the necessary theoretical and practical tools to operate within the teams that deal with AAI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 10 long term unemployed people;- Students finished the studies and can't find a job;- People who wants to change their job;- People who are interested in AAI;- People registered in Lithuanian Labour Exchange.
CONTENT/LEARNING OUTCOMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Participants after finishing piloting training course will get the understanding of Animal Assisted Interventions (AAI);▪ Participants will learn how to work in a team (a psychologist, dog trainer and veterinary) and will work together to provide therapeutic sessions that help people with varying health and social care needs to develop, progress, improve and recover. E.g. dementia, autism, premature babies, physical disabilities mental ill health.▪ Will get theoretical and practical learning with the dog to learn the educational and relational model;



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DESCRIPTION OF PROCESS	<p>First of all we translated the Argo Curriculum into Lithuanian language. In March we started the search for organizations specializing in this field which would be able to provide aid in organizing the training. Klaipėda University, The Lithuanian university of Health Science and Labour Exchange has agreed to cooperate with us. Every module has been discussed, the number of hours and variety of specialists needed in order to have the courses held. Since Klaipėdos university specializes in social sciences they are particularly interested in psychological and pedagogical topics which could be covered by the professional lecturers. Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the Lithuanian university of Health Science specializes in veterinary surgery and professional food safety. Therefore they are interested in communication with dogs, their training, psychology and animal behavior. They are the experts in this area that is why we contacted them in order to cooperate. There is a special consulting program in the Labour Exchange for the youth who have dropped out of the labour market. Leaflets and brochures have been shared and information presented for those interested in AAI courses. Experts have analysed the ARGO program and determined the number of hours needed for the participants to obtain the necessary information, skills and competences.</p>
RESOURCES NEEDED	Training room; clients with dogs; finance; lectors (psychologists, dog trainer, vet, educational psychologist).
Changes implemented and reasons.	Following the EQF standards/ECVET qualification and according to the knowledge of Lithuanian region about the Assisted Interventions with Animals and also according to the current regulations that are in Lithuania we made some small changes in Argo course. We reduced hours of training for Piloting course and instead of Geriatrician we invited psychologists. Our educational psychologist will take part instead of educator and psychiatrist. All necessary specialists were found for the courses. Moreover, all information is very important for training unemployed people to start working as dog handlers for the use in the public health organisation, Rest house, Associations of AAI and will be adapted individually.



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Problems met during the adaptation process	Due to the work load, specific theme and the lack of experience have refused to cooperate. However, we found a psychologist who is interested in this field and works with the clients having various types of disabilities. Another difficulty we have encountered with us the problem of finding a professional dog trainer who prepares dogs for therapies since it is a rather new field.
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