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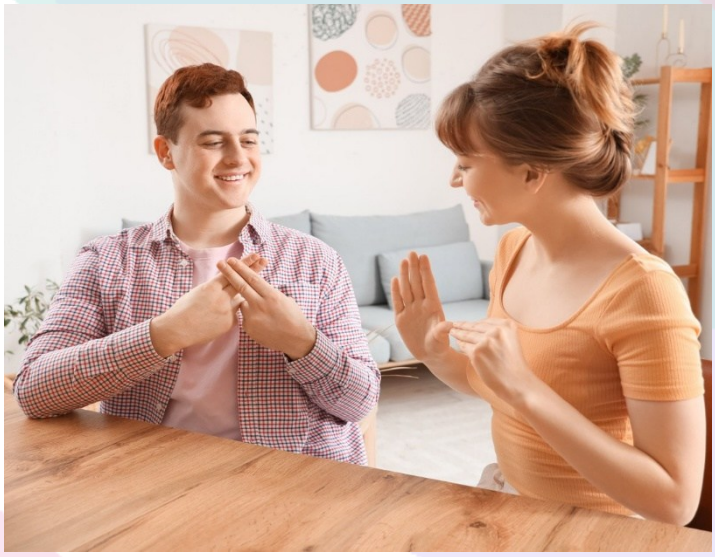
D.E.F. PROJECT FOR INCLUSION IN HEIs

The D.E.F. Project supports the inclusion of deaf individuals in entrepreneurship education, helping them succeed through a tailored framework. It collaborates with universities and organizations to improve educational and career opportunities for deaf people across Europe.



INCLUSION AS A CORE PILLAR

At the heart of the D.E.F. Project lies the commitment to inclusion. The project recognizes the barriers faced by deaf individuals in traditional educational settings and seeks to provide accessible learning environments. This involves not only adapting course materials but also fostering an inclusive mindset within academic institutions, ensuring that deaf students receive the same opportunities for success as their hearing counterparts.

ACTIVITES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

The D.E.F. Project includes several key activities aimed at promoting the inclusion of deaf individuals in entrepreneurship education. These activities involve the creation of an ***e-compendium***, a digital resource that gathers best practices and accessible tools for deaf students, and the development of an ***e-space***, an online platform designed for collaboration and learning among participants, which will contain a set of tools useful for teachers and learners. Additionally, the project fosters the growth of a ***community*** of deaf entrepreneurs and educators, creating a space for shared knowledge, support, and networking.

Expected results include:

- A resource for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to adapt business education for deaf students.
- A platform with methodologies and a manual for deaf students.
- A network connecting local businesses, a fair for HEIs, and an EU policy recommendation.

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MAIN OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the D.E.F. Project are to ensure equal access to entrepreneurial education for deaf students and to help higher education institutions adapt their business courses for inclusivity. The project provides key tools, including the Compendium, e-Space, and Community, to support deaf students' integration into the labor market. Additionally, it aims to challenge myths about the employability and skills of deaf individuals, fostering a more inclusive and supportive environment for their entrepreneurial aspirations.

INCLUSIVITY IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP PAVES THE WAY FOR A FUTURE WHERE EVERYONE CAN SUCCEED

THE CONSORTIUM

COORDINATOR:

- Università degli studi di Roma Tor Vergata (Italy)

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- European association of Erasmus coordinators (Cyprus)
- Spoleczna Akademia Nauk (Poland)
- Falco & Associati srl (Italy)
- Politechnika Lodzka (Poland)
- European Union of the Deaf EUD (Belgium)

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT?

The D.E.F. Project website, www.defproject.eu, acts as a central hub where participants can access a wealth of resources, stay informed about project progress, and take part in meaningful conversations. Help us integrate inclusive practices into entrepreneurship education for deaf individuals!

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