

THE D.E.F. PROJECT NEWSLETTER



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

The D.E.F. project aims to create a more inclusive HEI system for equal and equal access for deaf people to entrepreneurial higher education, through concrete tools (the Compendium, the e-Space and the Community). In this way, the European HE sector will be supported in adapting its entrepreneurship and business management courses to the needs of deaf students, thus promoting their employment.

D.E.F. Reaches Its Final Milestones!

As the D.E.F. – Deaf Entrepreneurs for the Future project approaches its conclusion in October 2026, the partnership is proud to share the latest developments and achievements of this Erasmus+ initiative.

Over the past two years, D.E.F. has worked to make entrepreneurship education in higher education more accessible and inclusive for deaf students, developing practical resources, innovative learning tools, and opportunities for cooperation across Europe.

DISCOVER THE D.E.F. E-SPACE!

One of the project's key results is the D.E.F. e-Space, an online learning environment designed to support deaf students in developing the skills needed to participate effectively in higher education entrepreneurship and business management courses.

Developed within WP3, the platform brings together accessible learning resources and the D.E.F. Training Toolkit, focusing on essential transversal competences such as communication, digital skills, teamwork, time management, and learning strategies.

The e-Space represents an important step towards making entrepreneurship education more inclusive, providing students and educators with practical resources that can continue to be used beyond the project's lifetime.

Explore the platform: <https://def.cti.p.lodz.pl/>

Join the D.E.F. Community – Sign the Memorandum of Understanding!

Although the D.E.F. project is coming to an end, its commitment to inclusive entrepreneurship education continues!

Are you a university, higher education institution, training provider, or educational organisation interested in making entrepreneurship education more accessible to deaf learners?

The D.E.F. partnership invites interested organisations to join its efforts by signing the project's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), expressing their commitment to promoting inclusive educational practices and supporting the wider use of D.E.F. resources.

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D.E.F. PROJECT FAIR: BRINGING INCLUSIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION ACROSS EUROPE

As part of WP4 – D.E.F. for the Community, the partnership has been promoting the D.E.F. Project Fair for Higher Education Institutions, an initiative designed to disseminate and showcase the project's results while encouraging dialogue among educators, students, and other relevant stakeholders.

The Fair combines transnational exchange with national sessions organised in partner countries, creating opportunities to explore the D.E.F. e-Compendium and e-Space, discuss inclusive entrepreneurship education, and strengthen cooperation among higher education institutions.

In Italy, a dedicated session promoted the D.E.F. approach and its educational resources, encouraging discussion on accessibility, entrepreneurial competences, and the role of higher education in supporting deaf students.

In Poland, the project partners also organised a session to present the project's resources and engage participants in discussions on inclusive educational practices and opportunities for their wider adoption.

In Cyprus, the Cypriot partner, the European Association of Erasmus Coordinators (EAEC), organised a dedicated session as part of the D.E.F. Project Fair, contributing to the dissemination of the project's results and promoting dialogue on accessible entrepreneurship education among local stakeholders.

Together, these activities contribute to expanding the D.E.F. Community and encouraging the future use of the project's results across European educational institutions.

Final Conference and Last Transnational Partners' Meeting

The D.E.F. project will officially celebrate its achievements during its Final Conference on 29 October 2026, hosted by the University of Rome Tor Vergata, with project partners joining online.



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The conference will provide an opportunity to present the project's main results, reflect on the importance of accessible entrepreneurship education, and discuss future opportunities for cooperation and sustainability.

On 30 October 2026, the consortium will hold its final Transnational Partners' Meeting online, bringing together all partners to review the project's implementation, discuss its final achievements, and address the remaining activities before its official conclusion.



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