



## THE EUROPEAN PROJECT VIRTUAL DS WILL PROMOTE THE LABOR INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WITH DOWN SYNDROME

*VIRTUAL DS, will promote, through an innovative integrated approach, the inclusion of people with Down Syndrome enhancing their employment opportunities. It aims to enhance the access, participation and learning performance of disadvantaged learners (people with Down Syndrome), regarding employment competences reducing disparities in learning out-comes.*

FUNDACIÓN ASINDOWN (Spain) leads the European Project VIRTUAL DS will focus on training people with low-skilled disabilities, including the promotion of on-the-job learning, providing efficient and integrated guidance services.

During the project, to be executed from September 2017 to September 2019, the Consortium will develop an open and innovative practices, in a digital era, focused on the exploitation of ICT Tools (VIRTUAL REALITY) by people with Down Syndrome, developing ADAPTED learning materials and tools as well as actions that support their effective use. About 20 people with Down Syndrome, their job trainers and company representatives in each participating country, will participate in the validation of the project results, creating a strong direct impact.

The validation actions will include real experiences in companies developed over 4-5 days to validate if the work competencies have been developed and to show the companies that people with Down Syndrome can offer a good performance.

The Consortium is formed by other entities working in the field of supporting people with Down Syndrome, like DRUŠTVO DOWNOV SINDROM SLOVENIJA, DDSS (Slovenia), ASSOCIAÇÃO PORTUGUESA DE PORTADORES DE TRISSOMIA 21, APPT21 (Portugal), ALDO-CET (Romania). They will also participate STATUS EMPLOYMENT, is a non-governmental organization with huge experience in Supported Employment, and IMAGINA RV, a private company specialized in the development of Virtual Reality training contents

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