

THE PARTICIPANTS OF EUROPEAN PROJECT VIRTUAL DS MET IN CRAIOVA, ROMANIA.

*On the 25th and 26th of
July 2019, the fifth and
final meeting of the
European Project*



VIRTUAL DS took place in Craiova, Romania.



The Romanian Association – ALDO-CET – organized the transnational meeting and all the members of the VIRTUAL DS Consortium attended it. Led by FUNDACIÓN ASINDOWN (Spain), this European project proves that the access, participation and learning performance of people with Down Syndrome and other intellectual disabilities, with regard to employment skills, reducing disparities in learning outcomes could be successfully trained with the support of Virtual Reality.

The first activity of the meeting was a European multiplication conference **“NEW PERSPECTIVES FOR THE EMPLOYABILITY OF PEOPLE WITH DOWN SYNDROME ON THE LABOUR MARKET”**, organized by ALDO-CET at the headquarters of the University of Craiova. 36 people, representatives of social services, employment agencies, social inspection, public health, educational environment, business sector, parents and self-advocates with Down syndrome, have debated the issue of employing people with Down syndrome on the free labour market versus the European Supported Employment Model and training with the help of Virtual Reality.



Then, the partners carried out the revision of all the training materials and e-platform. In the next step, each entity shared the own experiences gained in the validation actions. They explained how they implemented the e-platform, the results achieved and the feedback of users. Possible changes and improvement of materials and the e-platform were discussed as well. The partners agreed that the training material is very useful for people with Down Syndrome, as well as for the job trainers. The project exploitation plan was discussed in details.



The partners enjoyed a social dinner where they shared ideas about potential further common projects.

The representatives of the Project partners, ASINDOWN (Spain), ALDO-CET (Romania), DDSS (Slovenia), APPT21 (Portugal), STATUS EMPLOYMENT (United Kingdom) and IMAGINA RV (Spain) thank all users and collaborators for commitment and dedication. Even if the project is approaching its end, the training activities will continue beyond its lifetime.

STAY TUNED!