

INCLUSION TRAINING IN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY FOR EDUCATORS IN EUROPE (ITIDE)

ITIDE Newsletter

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The ITIDE Project

This project is an EU funded initiative under the Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships Programme. ITIDE is a three year project (2014-2017) and involves organisations from six European states including Austria, Bulgaria, Spain, Republic of Ireland, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

Throughout the EU, learners with special educational needs/intellectual disabilities are still not achieving or being included in education at all levels according to their potential. ITIDE aims to address this deficit by making available outstanding open access, practice-leading training materials on Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) to spread accessible, accredited, vocational learning to these groups within EU states and beyond. In doing so, we expect to support progress towards the Europe 2020 target of reducing early school leaving.

The outcome of the ITIDE Project will include:

- A suite of SEND Training Materials in each of the five partner languages, based on the existing set of materials at <http://www.complexneeds.org.uk/>;
- Guidance materials for educators and end users on the use of the Training Materials as learning resources;
- Providing accreditation for the Training Materials through school/ higher education institution training partnerships.

Upcoming Activities

March 2017 - present

All project partners finalising ITIDE training materials in their native languages, making ready to launch them in each partner country.

June 2017

ITIDE Project final conference to showcase the work of the project team will be held at Leeds Beckett University, 28th June 2017.



The ITIDE project partners meet in Limerick, Ireland.

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Bulgarian partner presenting ITIDE materials in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Project Update

Key milestones reached

Since the kick-off meeting in the UK in November 2014, the project partners have been working closely with each other, and the stakeholders in each state, to meet the key project milestones.

Needs assessment:

A **literature review** on special educational needs (SEN) was carried out by each partner, and combined into a comprehensive document. This document was reviewed and updated on a regular basis throughout the project and is now in its final version.

A **stakeholder survey** was conducted to gather input from stakeholders in each of the partner states to assess SEN training levels and requirements.

Development of materials:

Project training materials have been **translated** into each of the partner languages and **websites** set up to host the translated materials for each state. You can view the completed materials on each of the partners' websites listed on page 4 of this newsletter.

Project meetings:

In addition to regular Skype meetings to monitor project progress, project partners have been attending regular transnational meetings. So far, partners have met in the UK, Turkey, Bulgaria, Ireland, Spain and Austria, helping to share good practice across each of the partner countries.

Dissemination:

A number of dissemination and multiplier events have taken place across each partner state in an effort to increase awareness of the project, its goals and potential positive impact on SEN education in Europe.

Conference

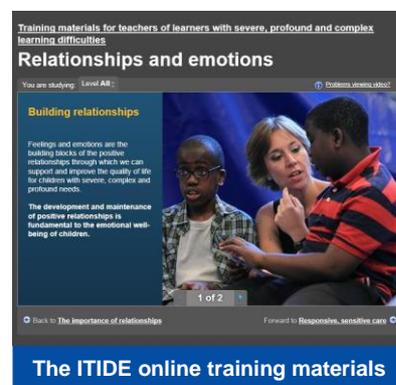
The project team have been busy organising one of the key outputs of the project – a conference that will showcase the achievements of each of the project partners and the progress they have made in each of their countries.

The day-long conference will be held in the Rose Bowl in Leeds Beckett University on 28th June 2017. Presentations will include a keynote speech by Dr Jonathan Glazzard, whose interests include special educational needs and disability.

Each project partner will give a presentation of the work they have achieved to date in their country using the ITIDE materials, and recommendations for policy and further research based on their experience.

The methodology used in the project will also be outlined, and partners will share best practice in special educational needs from across Europe, adding to the knowledge base of the team.

More information about the conference and details of how to book your place can be found on the dedicated conference website – www.conference.ITIDE.ie



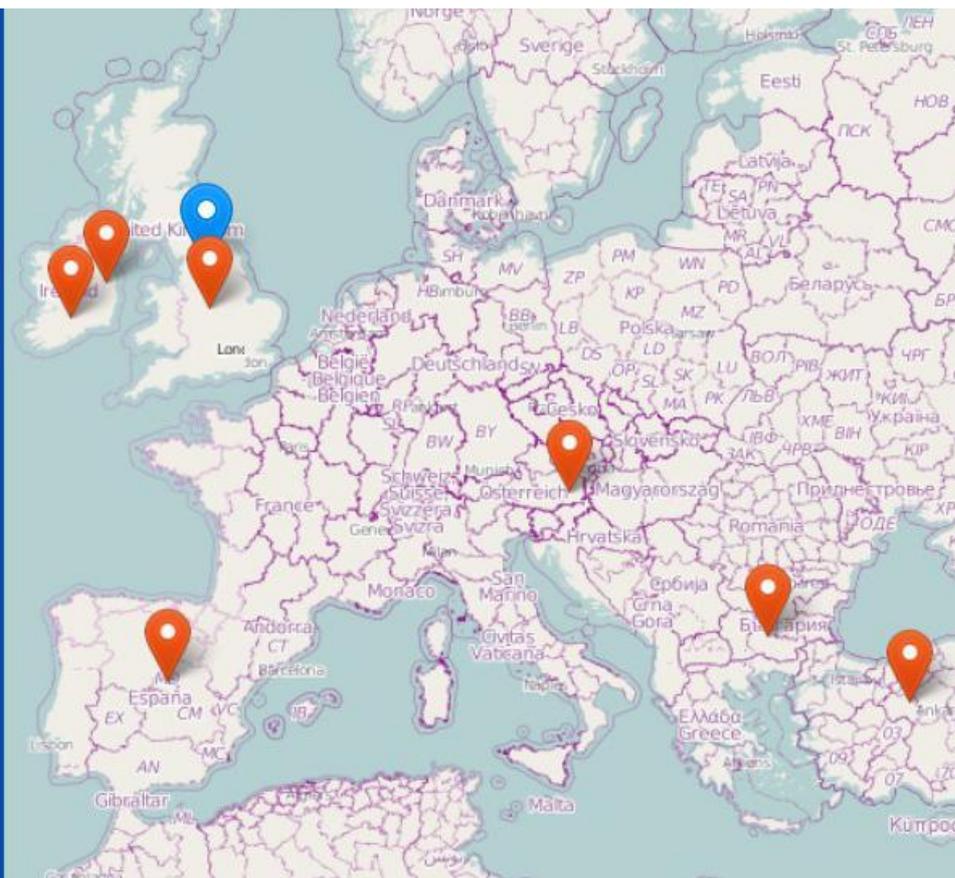
The ITIDE online training materials

Hands Across Europe:

The ITIDE project partners

The ITIDE project is truly a pan-European initiative, stretching the full length of the European Union—from Ireland in the west to Turkey in the east.

The project brings together the very best expertise in education, research, and special needs, allowing for a strategic exchange of knowledge and experience across states and cultures.



Introducing the Project Partners:

The consortium of partners is composed of 8 organizations from 6 different European states.



ITIDE partners meet in Eskisehir, Turkey

Austria: SINN Evaluation: A SME based in Graz, Austria

Bulgaria: The Marie Curie Association: An NGO based in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Republic of Ireland:

ICEP Europe: Specialists in online education based in Dublin.

University of Limerick: National University in the west of Ireland.

Spain: Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Turkey: Anadolu University, based in Eskişehir, Turkey

United Kingdom:

Leeds Beckett University

National Association for Special Educational Needs (nasen): Non-profit organisation based in Staffordshire

Partner Websites

Project partners have been working on an ongoing basis, translating and adapting the materials for the pilot phase of the project. Here are the links to the pilot material for each state -

Austria: <http://ITIDE.sinn-evaluation.at/>

Bulgaria: <http://www.specialpedagogy.info/>

Republic of Ireland: <http://www.ITIDE.ie/>

Spain: <https://www.ITIDE.es/>

Turkey: <http://www.ITIDEtr.org/>

United Kingdom: <http://www.complexneeds.org.uk>

ITIDE partners meeting in Vienna, Austria



Contact Us

If you wished to find out more about the project, or any of the project partners, please access the main project website below -

<http://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/ITIDE/>

Get Connected -

The ITIDE Mobile App

As technology becomes more widely available and accepted, more and more people are accessing educational content through mobile devices and social media platforms. In keeping with current trends in technology, and to enable as many users as possible to access the ITIDE suite of training materials, the project team have developed an ITIDE Mobile App.

The function of the App is act as a central hub through which users in every partner state can access the ITIDE suite of training materials in their own language. Users choose their state, navigate to a screen explaining about the project, and they can then access the full suite of learning materials on their mobile device.

The ITIDE Mobile App will be available on the App Store and Google Play from September, meaning that anyone across Europe can access the materials on the go. Simply search for "Erasmus ITIDE", and you're ready to go.



ITIDE Mobile App Page for Turkey



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