



The Open up toolbox is coming soon! December 2022

About the *Open up* project

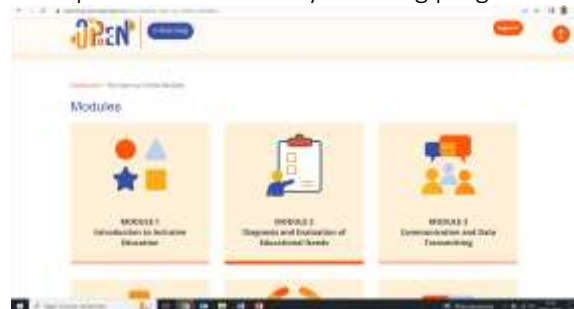
Sadly this is our last newsletter. The Erasmus+ Open up project will end on 31/03/2023. The project partners are putting effort into finalizing the four following tools that aim at **developing the capacity of professionals** working in **mainstream schools** and **youth organisations** to ensure quality inclusive education for young people with sensory disorders :

- An **accessibility guide** including practical information to better host young people with sensory disorders in your premises and engage them in educational activities
- A 3-days face-to-face **training programme** to become a 'resource(s) person' who has gained practical knowledge and interpersonal skills that can be applied and shared in any educational work environment
- An **e-learning platform** about inclusive education and sensory disorders
- A **joint statement** aiming at formulating recommendations for policy makers in the field of education to improve the quality of inclusive education in Europe

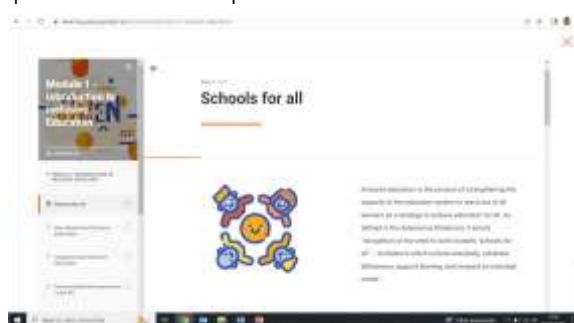
This toolbox will be free access and available in 5 languages (EN, FR, ES, HR and GR) on [the Open up website](#) in early 2023.

Focus on the e-learning platform

The **Open up e-learning platform** is currently tested for final corrections by our multidisciplinary board members (incl. experts about inclusive education and sensory disorders) in our 5 testbeds. It consists of the online version of the 6 training modules developed within our 3-days training programme.



User-friendly, it includes a responsive layout optimized for smartphone and tablet users.



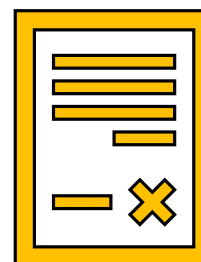
Focus on the Joint Statement

Our **Joint Statement for a 'responsible' inclusive education** was co-written by the Open up partners.

It is the outcome of two and a half years of mutual learning about our national contexts and exchange of good practices. It is addressed to policy makers and formulates recommendations for improving the quality of inclusive education.

This political paper consists of 3 recommendations:

1. Health and social care establishments and services must remain or be considered as essential
2. Accessibility for people with disabilities must be improved
3. Awareness-raising and training must be provided



Its full version will be also downloadable on our website and discussed during our local final events (see further information below).

Our final meeting was held in Almeria, 24-25 October 2022

This final meeting was hosted by Asociación de Personas con Discapacidad Verdiblanca. It launched the final stage of the project.

It was an intense visit for the French and Croatian participants who could attend face-to-face. The Cypriot and the other Spanish organisation took the 'online' option. Day 1 started with an early flight to the hot late Andalusian summer. First, a guided tour at Verdiblanca main office was proposed to learn more about this organisation supporting people with disabilities.



Then, the afternoon focused on finalizing the Guide and the training programme. Day 2 started with a co-writing session of the joint statement before working on the e-learning platform. Finally, we had the chance to taste typical seafood dishes and explore the city. This project was a true intercultural experience!

Final events will be held locally in February 2023

As the project end date is the 31st of March 2023, the project partners are planning local events to share the outcomes of this transnational project. These events will target formal and non-formal education professionals working mainstream schools and youth organisations, policy makers in the field of inclusive education and anyone who would be interested to receive the Open up toolbox. First, its 4 components listed above will be presented and shared. Then, a debate with its contributors about how these tools can be used, their usefulness and further disseminated will be conducted. These events will be held in Pas-de-Calais (FR), Almeria (ES), the Balearic Islands (ES), Zagreb (HR) and Nicosia (CY) before winter break. More information will be communicated locally, so stay tuned with our Facebook page!

The *Open up* partners

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- [Ouvrir Les Yeux](#), France
- [Hrvatski savez gluhih i nagluhih \(HSGN\)](#), Croatia
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