

## Training carers, family members, and staff via a web platform

Luxembourg – APEMH, Online Training Platform AGID

### SUMMARY OF PROJECT

The e-learning platform AGID enables professional assistants and family members to inform themselves about the challenges and requirements of personal-centred care for elderly people with intellectual impairments. The easily accessible online platform creates awareness and sensibility about the subject as well as about inclusive and sustainable support.

### QUOTE:

*“Enabling carers to empower older people with disabilities.”*

— Prof. Germain Weber, AGID project leader at University of Vienna

### FACTS & FIGURES

- The training platform consists of six modules covering 900 pages of content.
- Approximately 1,000 people of the target group have been reached to date.
- The programme is being integrated into the curricula of professional assistants to the elderly.

### PROBLEMS TARGETED

Enabling good care for older people with intellectual disabilities involves a variety of stakeholders. During the last decade, people with intellectual disabilities were demanding a say when it comes to planning for their quality caring systems. Thus, it was one of the main aims of AGID to include all these stakeholder groups in the creation of the modules.

### SOLUTION & METHODOLOGY

The perspective of older people with intellectual disabilities, their family members, scientific experts in associated fields, medical professionals, policymakers, and experienced front-line staff were all involved in this joint effort. To the greatest extent, however, the project was a co-production with people with intellectual disabilities, as the focus was on what front-line staff should know and what skills they should have for supporting older people with intellectual disabilities so that these people can enjoy a good quality of life. The content was created in a cooperative four-step process that allowed all partners to contribute their specific skills and knowledge. AGID aims to offer this target

group an active, healthy, and independent daily life. The online e-learning tool is offered free of charge and is available in five languages. Interactive tasks and self-tests allow in-depth self-studies on the subject.

## OUTLOOK & TRANSFERABILITY

The growth strategy of the project's outcomes relies mainly on the increased usage of the on-line course. AGID has been co-financed by the Lifelong Learning Programme of the European Union, but there is no additional project funding. Consequently, the aim is to work on improving the dissemination strategy so as to keep the project "alive" after the official end of the project: all partners continue to use the project modules in their own training strategies and to use every opportunity to publicize the online training platform.

Photo: Yes

Life story: Yes

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