

COSTAID is a unique international project aimed at supporting educators, teachers and trainers in preventing and dealing with information disorder among young people. Seven countries participate in the project: The Netherlands, Belgium, Austria, Greece, Slovakia, Slovenia and Bulgaria.



Objectives

This Erasmus Plus project, financed by the European Commission, has the ambition to contribute a sustainable approach to comprehensively counter the increasingly adverse effects of post-truth, fake news and conspiracy myths.

These processes have a high potential to negatively influence democratic processes and societal debates. This project will focus

on raising awareness among young people (in and around vocational training) and improve societal resilience against disinformation.

COSTAID will develop coping strategies against the proliferation of fake news and conspiracy myths, by making purposeful use of digital technologies in education, training, youth and sport. In the project, new and more democracy-relevant teaching and learning approaches will be developed and implemented. The project emphasizes human rights principles and the fundamental mission of education in developing and maintaining a culture of democracy in Europe.

Target groups

COSTAID targets educators, teachers, trainers and all other professionals who work with young people, e.g. youth counselors and advisers, social workers, youth workers, but also sports trainers. They are the so-called 'first-liners' – people in direct contact with targeted individuals or vulnerable groups of population.

The scope of the project also includes other people working in the educational, social, or healthcare sector, as well as vocational education organizations. These organizations will be able to introduce the concept of the project into their training activities and offer new measures to their customers.

Project outcomes (deliverables)

The consortium will develop:

- Guidelines against proliferation of fake news and conspiracy myths
- Contents for a Toolbox and interactive e-training course
- An interactive e-platform
- Mobile applications

These products will help to develop young people's critical digital skills and competences, but also those of the population in general.



The products will be pilot tested and validated before the production of final versions. A series of dissemination and promotion activities will accompany the project and will render the outcomes available until at least 2029. The first products are to be seen at www.constaid.eu from November 2023 onwards.

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