

## NEWSLETTER #1

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## The SkillHelp project

EU is facing socioeconomic challenges as an aftermath of the continuing pandemic of COVID-19. As a result, the importance of sectors such as social welfare will continue to grow, as will the demand for highly qualified social workers, particularly those with strong **soft skills**.

The aim of the SkillHelp project is to enhance the soft skills of employees in the field of social assistance, to allow for the **empowerment of social workers** by emphasizing the emotional and psychological aspects of the services they provide and by strengthening their relationships with their clients, thereby improving their general well-being.

## THREE INTELLECTUAL OUTPUTS:

Diagnostic Tool for Assessment of Soft Skills (IO1).

E-learning platform fostering soft skills improvement (IO2).



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Online course empowering social workers (IO3).

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## The SkillHelp LTTA: Volos, Greece 5-8 September 2022

As established in the project's timeline, the SkillHelp consortium conducted the Learning, Teaching, and Training Activity (LTTA) in Volos, between September 5 and 8. The meeting was hosted by InnovED and it was designed to equip participants with conceptual and procedural knowledge, skills and capacities that are crucial in reaching the project's objectives.

The partnership worked intensively on:

The exchange of the best practices in the field of social assistance, made possible by the participation of several social workers from partner countries, who delivered compelling presentations on the history of social work in their respective countries, emphasizing the specific challenges of this sector.

> Aspects related to the development of the online course content, which will be based on the learning journey previously created by FyG Consultores and enriched during the meeting as a result of valuable input from all partner representatives.

The progress registered on the development of the Diagnostic Tool for Assessment of Soft Skills (IO1) was analysed and partners agreed on the final statements to be included in the assessment questionnaire, as well as the feedback messages that will be delivered to responders. Prior to its public release, the tool will be tested in each partner country to ensure its accuracy. During the LTTA, the consortium decided on the testing phase's timeline and other specific details.

Partners engaged in practical activities while benefiting from helpful recommendations for shooting the social worker interviews that will serve as introduction to each of the course's modules The consortium tackled other administrative tasks, such as establishing the timeline for the upcoming activities and providing feedback to the SkillHelp project website design proposition.

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