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Multiple research studies on the quality of life and general well-being of young people with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) have shown that increased participation and integration in the community has important benefits for young people with ASD and is closely correlated with improvements in their quality of life.

To address this problem, there is a need to increase the focus on community initiatives aimed at the inclusion of young people with ASD and the social resources to support them. To this end, it is particularly relevant to equip local and community youth organisations with knowledge and skills appropriate to the inclusion of young people with ASD in their communities, in order to be able to adapt their services to this present and future need to support the psychosocial development and independence of persons with ASD.

The project will address these needs through analysis the different contexts of partners countries and sharing of competence and capacity building in education and training to support the participation of ASD youth in youth organizations' activities. The aim of the project is to help increase of attractiveness and accessibility of youth work for ASD youth, by providing the necessary training methodology and tools to youth workers. The project is also going to help to support youth organizations to include ASD youth in their initiatives by upskilling them administrative and management staff through youth training opportunities adjusted to ASD needs.



**1.** A guide for youth organizations on structures and strategies for the inclusion of people with ASD.

**2.** Inclusion methodology and training program for youth workers on how to reach people with ASD

**3.** Piloting of youth activities for people with ASD

**4.** Online resources for youth organizations and youth workers on ASD

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