



DIFREE - Digital Freelancing

The Digital Freelancing project (DIFREE) wants to offer to the students of the partner Universities and also to students and recent graduates who are interested in the topic-specific training and practical skill development opportunities, in order to introduce them to a practical and realistic view of a freelancing job; Before they begin a profession, ask them to reflect on themselves and self-assess their soft skills and abilities.

Furthermore, the project wants to offer them advice and coaching before, during, and after they decide to pursue a freelance career, providing training to higher education teachers on the digital labor market, its workforce demands, and essential capabilities, so that this knowledge can reach a larger number of HE students.

This goal will be achieved by the following concrete outputs:

- Development of a toolbox with the title "How to freelance online" for Higher Education students and graduates. To ensure the development of the toolbox in a timely and effective manner the output will start with a desk review in which senior freelancers will be interviewed. Furthermore, the partners will organize focus groups for identifying best practices, and once the drafting phase will be revised and approved by the partners, the toolbox's summary will be translated.
- The development of a repository of e-portfolios / digital CVs will be carried out by brainstorming, collecting data and then IT development of the repository. To ensure the success of the activity stakeholders will be involved in it, and the consortium will monitor and moderate it.
- The following activities will be conducted in order to achieve the "Mentorship program", another output of the project: Program Mentors' involvement, collection of video interviews, translation of the captions in the partners' national languages.
- In order to achieve the "Development of a self-evaluation and self-vocational professional assessment" first of all research in psychology and methodology will be carried out; On the other hand, the consortium will organize focus groups and collect the data. The IT aspect of the output will again be fundamental. Lastly, the summary of the assessment tool will be translated in Italian, Greek, Portuguese and Spanish.
- Establishment of Freelancer Hub. This output will be the consequence of the following activities: Brainstorming; creating the essential network; development of a website; engagement of stakeholders; creation of the content and publication.
- Last but not least, a Transferability Manual will be developed.

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- Università degli Studi della Tuscia (Italy)
- CRSLaghi srl (Italy)
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- Universidad de Cadiz (Spain)
- Instituto Politecnico Do Porto (Portugal)