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BITSE CONCLUDES SUCCESSFULLY

The successful conclusion of the BITSE project was celebrated in Brussels in June, as the members convened to discuss the project's results and plan for the future. The final meeting was held at the Thon City Centre Hotel on the 19th June 2014, and was part of a series of events held by the European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities. Firstly there was a closed meeting for the BITSE project partners, where the details of the project were concluded and the composition of the final report was discussed; the project partners were then invited to attend an afternoon seminar. This opened with a presentation from Mr Dolan of the Disability Federation Ireland on the current challenges for the sector, and was followed by a presentation by Ms Gheysen from the Federation of Centres for Specialised Training, Guidance and Mediation. BITSE was then presented, with each aspect of the project highlighted by various partners; the specific challenges and barriers facing people with disabilities were discussed, followed by presentation of the recommendations the project has developed. The BITSE toolkit was also explained to the seminar participants. Two other projects were then presented during this seminar, allowing for a positive exchange of knowledge and expertise; the aims of the relatively new ALDO (Adults with a Learning Disability Observatory of Best Practice) project were introduced, and the outcome of the concluding project 'Adapting Services for persons with disabilities to new users' were also presented.

This seminar also provided an opportunity for examples of best practices from the two concluding projects to be presented; Bernard Dietz and Johannes Ungar from Innovia shared an example from Austria. This was just one of several models of good practice that were collected from all partner countries during the length of the BITSE project. The participants then enjoyed a cocktail and networking event, to celebrate the success of the projects.

All of the deliverables that were produced throughout the project's lifetime have been published in a General Report, which was distributed during the seminar.

More information on this seminar, including the presentations, can be found on www.easpd.eu.

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