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The project was disseminated through a distinct visual identity, encapsulated in the posters, flyers, promotional videos, learning materials, and the project website, tailored to the context and the preferences of the target groups. The project website, developed alongside the websites for Accessibility Units and Counseling and Academic Support Centres in participating partner countries' HEIs, stores and shares the project results, updates, and regular documentation. A variety of communication tools have been used to ensure a cohesive delivery of the project outputs and results, through a combination of internal and external communication activities. These activities are highlighted in the dissemination reports provided by the partners, including individual and shared activities throughout the course of the project.

Dissemination activities have been carried out in the form of study visits and trainings, in addition to the launching event, which took place at Polis University between 18-19 March 2021, and the closing conference, foreseen to be held at the end of the project to attract regional researchers and potential network partners from all WB countries; or researchers who are not from these countries but who focus in studying the region. Due to Covid restrictions, a number of study visits have been initially conducted remotely. Once traveling was permitted again, they resumed as planned, as detailed in the project website.

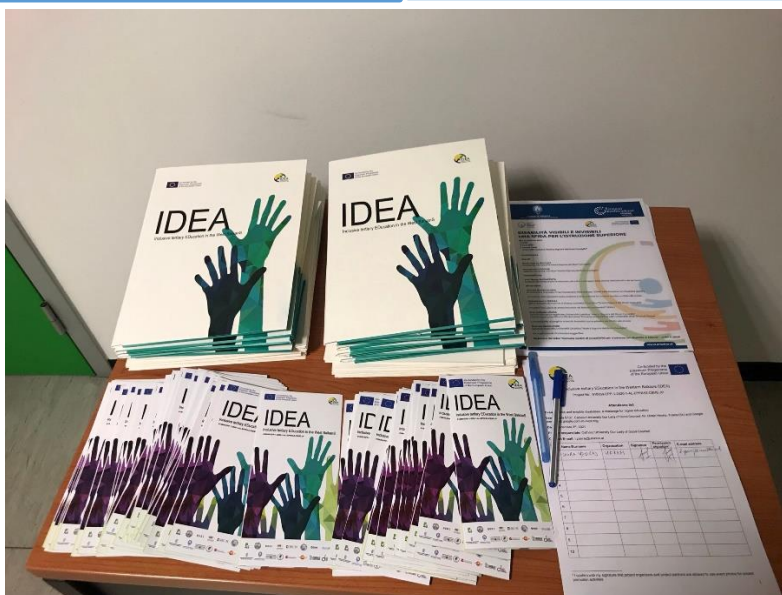
Each year, a series of events around inclusive education are planned and organized on the International Day of Disabled Persons, implementing awareness-raising campaigns in high schools as well as civil society. Events organized on this day throughout the duration of the project contribute directly to establishing a practice of awareness-raising not only at these institutions but also more broadly in the community.

On the 3rd December 2021, various activities were held at partner universities. Some of them include the following:

- The University of Donja Gorica (UDG) in cooperation with the Association of Disabled Youth of Montenegro (AYDM), organized an event to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3, 2021.
- Epoka University organized a University Open Forum "To have Superpowers", having invited the organizations "Together" and "Hope for Life", led by Ms. Suela Lala and Mr. Izet Ozuni respectively.
- Catholic University "Our Lady of Good Counsel" organized an interdisciplinary seminar "Visible and invisible disabilities: a challenge for higher education". The awareness raising initiative brought together colleagues from the Albanian Disability Rights Foundation "Florence Accessibility Lab", University of Florence, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Projects Office and Counseling Desk of the Catholic University "Our Lady of Good Counsel", which discussed various issues related to inclusive higher education and accessibility for persons with different needs.
- Under the organization of HANDIKOS, International Day of the Persons with Disabilities was marked with two special activities: Conference for the designation of the Year 2021 – Year of Persons with Disabilities in the Republic of Kosovo "Equal Opportunities for All" and Empowerment of people with disabilities and strengthening their rights". During the day, the IDEA project was discussed and presented focusing on encouraging the SwD to apply within the higher education institutions.
- The Faculty of Education (University of Prishtina) also raised awareness on this day, bringing together professors, management staff, students with different needs to discuss various issues and challenges related to inclusive higher education and accessibility for persons with different needs.

The project has also been presented during orientation days for students and other organizations at various universities, as well as events bringing together relevant stakeholders within inclusive education.

- IDEA was presented at the meeting held within the framework of SAIL (Sparking Activism Initiatives Locally) project, implemented by Co-PLAN with the financial support of the Office of Public Relations at the U.S. Embassy-Tirana as part of the "Civil Society Capacity Building" program. During this meeting, IDEA was presented by the Project Coordinator, POLIS University, while representatives of Universities from Albania, partners in this project, were present.
- At the Work and Study Fair organized in March 2022 by the Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Tirana, the project was presented to senior students in high school interested in pursuing their university studies, to teachers, and to the general public in various cities in Albania such as Dibër, Kukës, Lezhë, Durrës, Elbasan and Tiranë by partner universities such as University of Shkodër and Epoka University.



The individual dissemination reports of individual project partners can be found on the website, and via the following links:

[Polis University](#)

[Epoka University](#)

[University of Shkodër](#)

[University of Durrës](#)

[Univesity of Prishtinë](#)

[Catholic University Our Lady of Good Counsel](#)

[Albanian Disability Rights Foundation](#)

[Association of Paraplegics and paralyzed Children of Kosova – HANDIKOS](#)

[Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro \(AYDM\)](#)



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