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Welcome to the 3rd DDSkills newsletter

An initiative of the project consortium to provide information on DDSkills activities and deliverables.

The DDSkills project, launched in January 2020, aims to develop training courses to enhance digital competences of professional caregivers, so they can make better use of new technologies, and support persons with disabilities & their families in the use of those technologies.



Project News

The DDSkills project consortium is glad to present its new deliverables a course plan for digital skills for professional caregivers and accompanying certification schemes.

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[Course plan on “Cutting-edge Digital Skills for Professional Care Givers of Persons with Disabilities and Mental Health Problems”](#)

The course will especially benefit professional care givers interested in exploring digital and technical solutions to upgrade the **assistance, social interaction and overall wellbeing** of people with disabilities and mental health problems. This course plan is at European Qualification Framework (EQF) Level 5, equivalent to intermediate higher education qualifications. It will accredit the participating professionals with an ISO 17024 certification after successful completion of the course.

The four focus areas are:

- **New Technologies**
- **Self-Advocacy, Technology Acceptance and Ethical Issues**
- **Social Networks Development**
- **Therapeutic Role Playing**

[Certification Scheme for the course contents](#)

The Certification Scheme is intended for the **certification of training materials and the curriculum** that will be developed within the DDSkills Project. It contains principles and requirements for the assessment and certification of the training for caregivers of persons with disabilities and mental health problems into new digital skills and technologies that can prove beneficial for the users. All training materials and curriculum that will be developed within the DDSkills project can be certified as per the criteria of this scheme.

[Certification Scheme for trainees](#)

The Certification Scheme is addressed to professional Care Givers of persons with Disabilities and mental health problems (occupational therapists, psychologists, social workers, special education teachers, nurses, gerontologists, rehabilitation experts). This Certification Scheme intends to provide a certification to Care Givers that want to grant an additional certified **qualifications as Certified Supported Living Caregiver at EQF Level 5**. Every caregiver that fulfills the criteria as described in the current scheme, can apply for the certification and after passing the assessment can get certified.

With kind regards,
The DDSkills consortium

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Events

EASPD Annual Conference: [The future is now: Person Centred Technology to empower people and disability services](#)

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On the occasion of the EASPD Annual Conference, the DDSkills partners will hold a workshop (Brussels, 13 October 2021 at 14:00) to present the project deliverables and advance the development of digital skills of professional caregivers so they can take the most of new technologies in the delivery of services for people with disabilities. The conference will bring together key stakeholders to explore the most relevant technologies in the area of service provision for persons with disabilities and how to address the digital divide in the context of persons with disabilities.

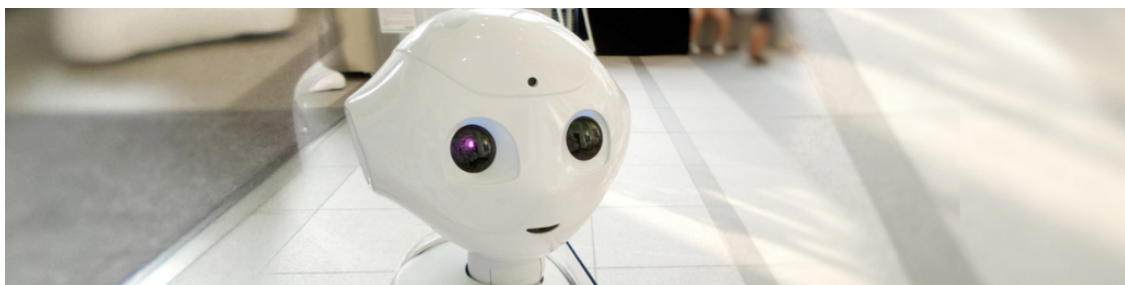
You can register to the event [HERE](#).

Frankfurt UAS International Conference: Connected Living

Friday, 8 October 2021, 09h00 - 17h00, Online

The DDSkills partners from Frankfurt UAS, will hold a workshop on "**New technologies for assisted living- Insights into current research projects**" to present outcomes from different projects, including the DDSkills project.

You can register to the event [HERE](#).



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