



# VIPI - VIRTUAL PORTAL FOR IMPAIRED GROUPS INTERACTION

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

- Start: 01 January 2011
- End: 31 December 2013
- Duration: 36 months
  
- Target groups:
  - People with disabilities (PwD)
  - Trainers, VET centres, etc.
  
- Financial support:
  - 75% EU Grant from European Commission, Lifelong learning programme, Key Activity 3 ICT

# PROJECT CONSORTIUM

- **Nottingham Trent University** (United Kingdom)  
– project contractor
- **PhoenixKM BVBA** (Belgium)  
– project coordinator
- **Hypertech S.A. Informatics & New Technologies** (Greece)
- **Steficon SA** (Greece)
- **VŠĮ HITECO** – High Technologies for Cooperation (Lithuania)
- **G.M Eurocy Innovations Ltd** (Cyprus)



# THE STORY

- An estimated 45 million people in Europe have a long-standing health problem or disability (LSHPD)
  - 16% of men and women aged 16-64 in the EU as a whole (Source: 2002 EU Labour Force Survey (LFS) and the 2004 EU Statistics on Incomes and Living Conditions)
- Only 33% of these people are not restricted in the kind or amount of work they could do or their mobility to and from work
  - Figures vary across EU members (10-50%), directly linked to the level of prosperity and the assistance available
- Of those, 68% are in employment.
- While for the ones restricted, only 28% are in employment

# VIPI VISION

- ICT provide alternative and creative solutions for the employment of PwD
- PwD can benefit enormously from digital competences
  - core life and employability skills (see Lisbon Objectives)
  - Recent studies ([www.accessible-project.eu](http://www.accessible-project.eu), [www.aegis-project.eu](http://www.aegis-project.eu))
- Main barrier is the lack of specific training support or material
- ViPi project envisages fulfilling the gap by...
  - making available accessible and flexible training,
  - designed to be adopted directly by PwD,
  - and through centres providing special education and vocational training.

# MAIN AIMS

- A “one-stop-shop” interactive portal & learning environment (online and via Android mobile phone) that delivers:
  - a multilingual platform (English, Dutch, Greek, Lithuanian) with:
  - an embedded social community (for VET centres, PwD, ICT training centres, etc.);
  - accessible (WCAG 2.0) online ICT for learning environment for PwD, their trainers;
  - with an interactive and vast repository of interoperable SCORM compliant learning objects
  - supported by Web 2.0 social services, and Web 3.0 for semantically enriched content
- Bring together key stakeholders and gatekeepers (VET, target groups, umbrella organizations)

# EXPECTED RESULTS - PRODUCTS

- State of the art analysis on ICT skills LOs for people with disabilities;
- Comparative analysis of findings in UK, LT, GR & CY;
- A culturally adapted curriculum on ICT skills, tailored to individual user's needs;
- Multilingual training materials in alternative formats;
- Trainer handbook;
- Fully accessible online ViPi platform;
- Serious games for desktop and mobile usage;
- Local training workshops.

## MORE INFORMATION:

- Official web page: [www.vipi-project.eu](http://www.vipi-project.eu)
- Twitter: [Twitter.com/ViPi\\_project](https://twitter.com/ViPi_project)

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