



EMPOWERING DISADVANTAGED WOMEN VIA DISTANCE EDUCATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



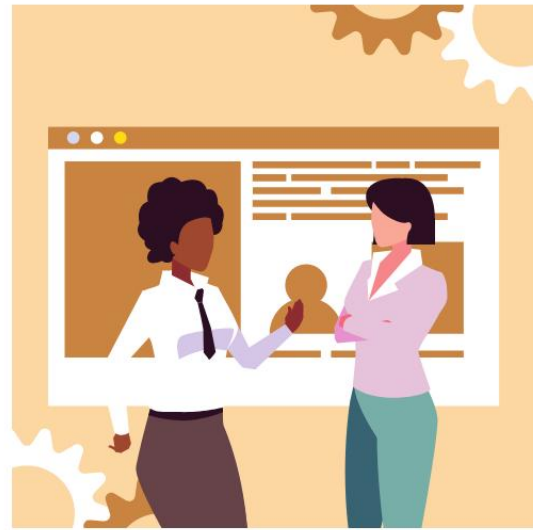
“We should not be shy about being proud of where we are or ambitious about where we want to go.”

— President Ursula von der Leyen

Starting January 2022, Empowering Disadvantaged Women Via Distance Education for a Sustainable Development Project aims to support adult women (20-65 years old); with multiple disadvantages, unemployed and without education; women with geographic, social, economic, or educational difficulties, refugees, immigrants, who are unable to participate in the socio-economic life. It does so by creating an e-learning platform that can be integrated into the systems of institutions that will reduce women's poverty under the lifelong learning paradigm.

The problem of gender inequality and low female employment is a global problem. Studies show that men's participation in non-formal education remains at 19.8% and women at 13.8%. Women are the key driver for economic empowerment and employment in the global agenda. Gender equality (GE) is at the forefront of European values, which translates into the promotion of GE within the European legal and political framework.

The project tackles critical policy areas such as employability, social inclusion, and economic growth. It aims to provide unique learning opportunities to low-skilled adults and encourage women to partake in education by removing the physical and temporal barriers. A different objective is to increase women's economic empowerment and fundamental skills and competencies through remote education.



The post-pandemic setting provided us with a rare opportunity to take a step back and rethink the strategic priorities to enhance the educational opportunities for women. Increasing the training opportunities for women developing their digital and financial literacy skills will provide meaningful results for individuals, families, communities, and the overall society.

The Erasmus+ project "Empowering Disadvantaged Women Via Distance Education for a Sustainable Development Project" critically reflects on the need to provide tailor-made learning opportunities to low-skilled adults and women.

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