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## **IDemocracy PROJECT WILL SUPPORT THE EXERCISE OF DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES IN THE DIGITAL SOCIETY**

*IDemocracy is a European Project implemented within the ERASMUS+ Programme launched with the main objective of increasing the competences of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities and their Supporters related to the exercise of their democratic rights in the Digital Society.*

The exercise of the participation, representation and voting rights by Persons with Intellectual Disabilities are essential for the deployment of Democratic Rights. However, they still encounter significant barriers (*Guidelines on Promoting the Political Participation of Persons with Disabilities, 2019. OSCE*).

On the other hand, although the digital Literacy in the current context is key question for ensuring a successful exercise of democratic rights, including the safe access to reliable information, participation in social e-platforms or remote voting through digital certificates, among others, the use of ICT is challenging for PID'S and a digital divide has gradually formed between them and the connected citizen (*Bridging the digital divide for PID'S. Lussier-Desrochers, D. et.al. 2017*).

According to that, "IDemocracy", a European Project implemented within the ERASMUS+ Programme, is launched with the main objective of increasing the competences of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities and their Supporters related to the exercise of Democratic Rights in the Digital Society.

An innovative training methodology will be developed focusing in the organization, community and political levels, as well as training materials adapted to each target group and an e-Training Tool for supporting the implementation of the training methodology. Pilot Validation Actions will be implemented involving more than 100 persons in Spain, Portugal, Croatia, Greece and Lithuania.

"IDemocracy" will be implemented between November 2020 and October 2022 by a European Consortium, lead by "PLENA INCLUSION COMUNIDAD VALENCIA (Spain)" with the participation of other entities specialized in the Intellectual Disability, like "FEDERACAO NACIONAL DE COOPERATIVAS DE SOLIDARIEDADE SOCIAL COOPERATIVA FCRL, FENACERCI (Portugal), "KINONIKES SINETERISTIKES DRASTIRIOTITES EFPATHON OMADON, K.S.D.E.O. EDRA" (Greece), "HRVATSKA UDRUGA RADNIH TERAPEUTA, HURT" (Croatia) and "LIETUVOS SUTRIKUSIO INTELEKTO ZMONIU GLOBOS BENDRIJA "VILTIS" (Lithuania) and other entities specialized in the field of the development of e-training tools and digital literacy of persons with special needs, like "UNIVERSITAT POLITECNICA DE VALENCIA" (Spain) and "E-SENIORS: INITIATION DES SENIORS AUX NTIC ASSOCIATION" (France).