

Persist_EU “Knowledge, beliefs and perceptions about science of European students”

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About the project



Persist_EU is a new project supported by the European Commission under the Erasmus+ Programme. The project is focused on the origin of the perceptions and beliefs of university students on scientific issues that are of great importance for the future of the EU.

More specifically, Persist_EU aims to assess the value of scientific training and education in university students when making personal decisions related to science, technology, health or the environment.

Apart from that, Persist_EU will also shed some light about which gender, cultural or geographical variables play an important role in the process of formation of beliefs and the appropriation of scientific knowledge of students.

In order to achieve these objectives, 500 university students in five European countries will be involved in the project through their participation in surveys, workshops and other activities.

Project results

This innovative and inspiring project will produce two main outputs.

1. The development of an ICT tool aimed at evaluating how the opinions of university students about vaccines, complementary and alternative medicines, climate change and genetically-modified organisms could be modified after participating in training sessions about the scientific method and the use of epidemiologic data.
2. The development of an online book that will summarise the analysed changes generated in the opinion of the university students, the methodology used and the general results of the project. The book will be widely available through the website of the project in English, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Polish, Italian and Slovak.

The partner organisations are already working in the development of the first output, which will be available by the end of the year.

Kick-off meeting



On December 13th 2018, the project Consortium held the first meeting of Persist_EU at the House of the Science of Valencia (Spain). Hosted by the University of Valencia, the meeting represented the perfect opportunity to gather representatives from all partner institutions and to discuss issues related to the future development of the project, including its potential impact and the guidelines for a successful management and working process.

Persist_EU partnership

The partnership is strategically composed of partners from six European countries (Italy, Spain, Poland, Slovakia, Germany and Portugal) and from different sectors, including universities, private companies focused on training, research centres and higher educational institutions.



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