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ALL SMILE TOOLS NOW AVAILABLE

Barcelona, 05-10-2021// eucen announces the final versions of the SMILE tools are available in English on the website http://smile.eucen.eu/

eucen, on behalf of the SMILE project consortium, is happy to announce all the tools that were meant to be developed as part of the project are now final and that they have been published on the SMILE project website.

SMILE is a project co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme under KA3 – Social inclusion and common values, aiming to promote inclusive education by developing, testing and implementing innovative tools that improve the way higher education institutions deal with diversity and social inclusion.

The tools that have been developed are as follows.

- A <u>Preliminary Self-Assessment Tool</u> that institutions can use to self-reflect and understand how well they are doing in terms of diversity and inclusion.
- The <u>SMILE Audit Model</u> which is a comprehensive tool that allows institutions to set up activities to progress in the further development and/or implementation of inclusive strategies.
- Three <u>Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses</u> for HEI staff, each focusing on one of the identified areas of inequality and disadvantage in higher education: migrant background, women leadership, and low socio-economic status.
- An <u>Introductory CPD course on Diversity</u> was also developed, which touches upon all the three areas of inequality that the project identified.
- A <u>Policy Recommendations and Action Plan</u> that aims to provide HEI top management, policy makers and civil society with guidance on how to implement more inclusive policies at every level, in the short, medium and long term.

For any questions or comments regarding Smile, please contact the Smile project coordinators as suggested on the <u>contact page</u>.

Notes to the editors

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