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SMILE PROJECT TOOLS NOW AVAILABLE IN SIX ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES

Barcelona, 20-11-2023// eucen announces the SMILE tools have been translated into Finnish, French, German, Italian, Romanian and Spanish and are available on the project website: http://smile.eucen.eu/

eucen, on behalf of the SMILE project consortium, is pleased to announce the successful translation of all SMILE Project tools into Finnish, French, German, Italian, Romanian, and Spanish. These translations mark a significant milestone in making the SMILE Project accessible to a broader audience globally.

This comprehensive set of tools is designed to promote inclusive education and improve the way higher education institutions deal with diversity and social inclusion. The tools have been widely acclaimed for its effectiveness by several higher education institutions.

With this recent translation initiative, individuals and organizations across Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Romania, and Spain can now access these valuable resources in their native languages. The translations aim to enhance **inclusivity** and promote widespread adoption of the SMILE Project tools, enabling a more **diverse** range of users to benefit from the program's insights and methodologies. The SMILE Project tools translated into all the project languages are:

- 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,
 - o women leadership, and
 - o low socio-economic status students
- 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.

The original language of these tools is English. If you find any anomality in any of the documents translated and adapted into other languages, please refer to the English version for clarity.

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Notes to the editors

The European university continuing education network, **eucen**, is the largest European multi-disciplinary association in University Lifelong Learning. **eucen** aims to foster universities' influence in the development of lifelong learning knowledge and policies throughout Europe and thus to contribute to the economic and cultural life in Europe.

