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Introduction

The aim of GESEA₄EU is to develop standardised learning modules which are applicable and recognised across Europe as part of the GESEA Educational Programme. This programme is well established and already provides certification to gynaecological surgeons with more than 5000 certificates issued to date. While the certification and diploma modules of GESEA's Educational Programme for gynaecological surgeons are standardised and implemented in Diploma Centres across Europe and beyond, the training itself is much less standardised which is why GESEA₄EU is a necessary development if the GESEA Programme is to fulfil its mission of providing necessary training in endoscopy, advanced imaging techniques and robotics to not only surgeons but also other healthcare professionals including nurses and supporting non-clinical staff.

During the lifetime of this project, 27 learning modules have been developed and trialled in 12 centres within the existing network. Furthermore, 9 new centres have been identified in Member States where the learning modules have also been piloted. These modules are being taken up in the GESEA Educational Programme to be implemented across Europe and will be promoted through the European Board & College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology as part of the EBCOG PACT framework which is currently being finalised with an official MoU to be signed between ESGE and EBCOG in the coming weeks.

Purpose of this document

This deliverable is submitted at the end of the second year of the project and reports on the dissemination and communication activities undertaken by the partnership in the second year of the project. In terms of how this deliverable connects with specific tasks, it reports directly on activities carried out in the following tasks:

- T5.1 Dissemination and communication plan and realisation
- T5.3 Creation and maintenance of project brand, channels and resources
- T5.4 Event planning and support

The groundwork for the dissemination and communications activities carried out in the project is described in D5.1, submitted in M3. Three further related deliverables have already been submitted, D5.6 the Project website, D5.7 the Project leaflet and D5.2 which reported on the dissemination activities undertaken in year 1 of the project. Although this deliverable is classified as a public deliverable, it will not be promoted and serves more as a summary of the work taken to disseminate information about the project rather than a significant output of the project.

Structure of this document

This document is made up of several chapters and accompanying annexes. Chapter 1 summarises the approach taken to dissemination and communication within the consortium and provides an update to the strategy described in detail in D5.1 and first reported on in D5.2. Chapter 2 summarises the main dissemination activities carried out on a centralised

basis organised and led by ATiT and ESGE, and Chapter 3 provides a summary of the dissemination and communication activities carried out by the partners.

Dissemination and communication in GESEA4EU

In this section we summarise the approach that has been taken, including the guiding principles and the communities that have been targeted.

The approach taken to dissemination and communication within GESEA4EU has been following closely the guiding principles described in D5.1. Chief amongst these has been our intention to ensure the work undertaken is **Open, Clear and Explicit**. By this we mean that all dissemination actions operate in the spirit of open access and that we strive to ensure our communication is itself as clear and explicit as possible, avoiding long and complicated explanations for newcomers and communicating in as direct a manner as possible. We have also aimed to be as **Collaborative** as possible, working with partners in their institutions or organisations to build on their existing networks and dissemination channels. Furthermore, in our communication activities, we have aimed to be as **Inclusive and Quality-driven** as possible, meaning that where possible we adhere to accessibility guidelines in our online activities and make sure to put all dissemination activities through a quality assurance process to check they are of the highest quality possible.

Target Communities

The target communities for GESEA4EU remain the same and are listed again here. For each we provide an update on the extent to which we have been able to reach them in our second year and an indication of what we have learned in the second year in respect to several.

Training and diploma centres in Member States which are already engaged in relevant training including their training and support staff. Based on our experience, we would now consider two separate target groups here, those that are already GESEA Diploma or training centres including the 12 GESEA4EU partners who fall into this category and those that are not. Outreach to the first has continued to be very successful in year 2, all have been actively involved in campaigns to promote the project generally and in their local campaigns to promote the GESEA4EU courses delivered in their own institutions in 2024.

For those centres that were not already Diploma centres, but who were identified as 'target' centres and involved in the delivery of Basic courses in 2024, the level of engagement has been really successful. All carried out effective campaigns to recruit participants to their basic level courses in 2024 and collaborated very well with the central C&D team, providing reports and images of their different activities. This success is largely down to the close contacts that already exist within the ESGE community and those promoting and working with the GESEA educational programme in tandem with the dissemination activities carried out by the project team which reinforced relationships that already existed.

The next two target communities can be considered collectively, namely the **National, regional and European networks and associations of medical practitioners and National, regional and European networks and associations of specialist practitioners.** Outreach to many of these has continued in the second year of the project through project partners who by and large are all active in such networks. In the description of project partner's activities in respect to dissemination which follows in Chapter 3, the reader can see that several report on their continued efforts to directly disseminate information about the project within these target communities.

Work to disseminate information about the project to **National, regional and European federations, associations and networks of nursing staff and technical support staff** picked up considerably in year 2 due to the fact that the project was truly in a position to offer something concrete, namely the various courses and modules that had been developed. Much of the necessary effort to reach these target groups was carried out by the partners on a national or regional basis as they targeted their recruitment efforts to course participants in their locality.

Effort to reach the **Research community** with information about the project has been more successful, particularly due to work and efforts of ESGE. Not only has ESGE's flagship journal Facts Views and Vision in ObGyn made mention of the project in the first year, but the ESGE Congress in 2024 bringing together a significant number of researchers amongst its 2000 strong attendance also featured several references to the project. Furthermore work to produce a scientific paper highlighting project results in terms of the training impact is currently under development.

Finally, efforts to reach both the **General medical community** and the **General public** did take place in year 2 particularly towards the general medical community based particularly on the availability of the online modules aimed at the general medical community.

Dissemination approach

The approach taken to dissemination in the second year of the project has not differed to any extent to that which took place in year 1 and as originally described in the dissemination plan prepared at the start of the project. We provide a short summary here by way of re-cap:

It continues to be guided by the objectives provided in the project proposal, namely that the dissemination activities strive to:

- communicate the work of GESEA4EU, guaranteeing that all targeted groups and the wider community are aware of its activities and outcomes;
- build engagement and support outreach to relevant centres in targeted countries and regions;
- ensure project results achieve the highest visibility possible;

- embed the dissemination and communication work in the relevant existing communications infrastructure of the targeted communities to ensure the sustainability of project outcomes during and after the funding period.

As originally planned, every effort has been made to take advantage of channels, events and networks that already exist amongst the target community. ESGE, its partners and its members already have access to a variety of relevant channels and important dissemination opportunities including European and national conferences, newsletters and magazines, social media channels and mailing lists. This approach has been very successful with a now almost seamless transfer of information about the project through the existing ESGE and GESEA channels.

While this sharing and re-use of existing channels is necessary and indeed beneficial for several reasons, the C&D team have also been careful to ensure that the project maintained its own identifiable and unique identity which has meant not only sharing dissemination materials with all partners and trying to ensure that they always used the relevant logos and disclaimers but also involved setting up several unique and separate channels for communication including the project website.

Efforts to segment the target communities and to direct specific dissemination activities at different groups at different times have been reasonably successful, outreach to the general public has probably not been as successful as we had originally hoped.

Core messages

As foreseen from the start, the main messages at the heart of all our dissemination work focus on the advantages and availability of standardised training modules in existing GESEA centres and opportunities for the establishment of new GESEA centres capable and willing to deliver the training modules in countries and regions not already served. This means that at the core of all our work has been a clear emphasis on the value and impact GESEA4EU brings in very practical and transparent terms. Attention has therefore been focused on how this innovative training, in terms of content, design and delivery, can have a real impact on improving the quality of health-care for women who will be attended by qualified staff, reducing the risk of complications associated with minimally invasive surgical procedures.

Centralised Dissemination and Communication activities

The work to ensure the effective communication and dissemination of the project and its activities has been led by the team in ATiT working closely with staff in the ESGE central office who together make up the C&D team. While the ESGE team has been largely responsible for ensuring the promotion of the project through the existing ESGE channels, the ATiT team have focused more on the GESEA4EU specific channels and opportunities. Management of the overall dissemination and communications activities for the consortium has been facilitated by regular meetings between members of both teams as well as good relations between ESGE staff members and individuals in the consortium who are regularly involved in promoting GESEA activities through their own channels including social media.

Internal communication

The first area to report on relates to internal communication within the consortium. GESEA4EU involves a rather large consortium of partners and so the importance of internal communication cannot be over emphasised and continued to be of importance in the second year of the project. To ensure all partners remained up to date and informed accurately about project progress, regular 3 monthly updates continued to be distributed to all partners. In year 2, three of these were distributed and are available in the annexes. Furthermore, a schedule of online meetings for all partners was also established to ensure good communication between consortium members during periods when a face-to-face partner meeting was not taking place.

External communication

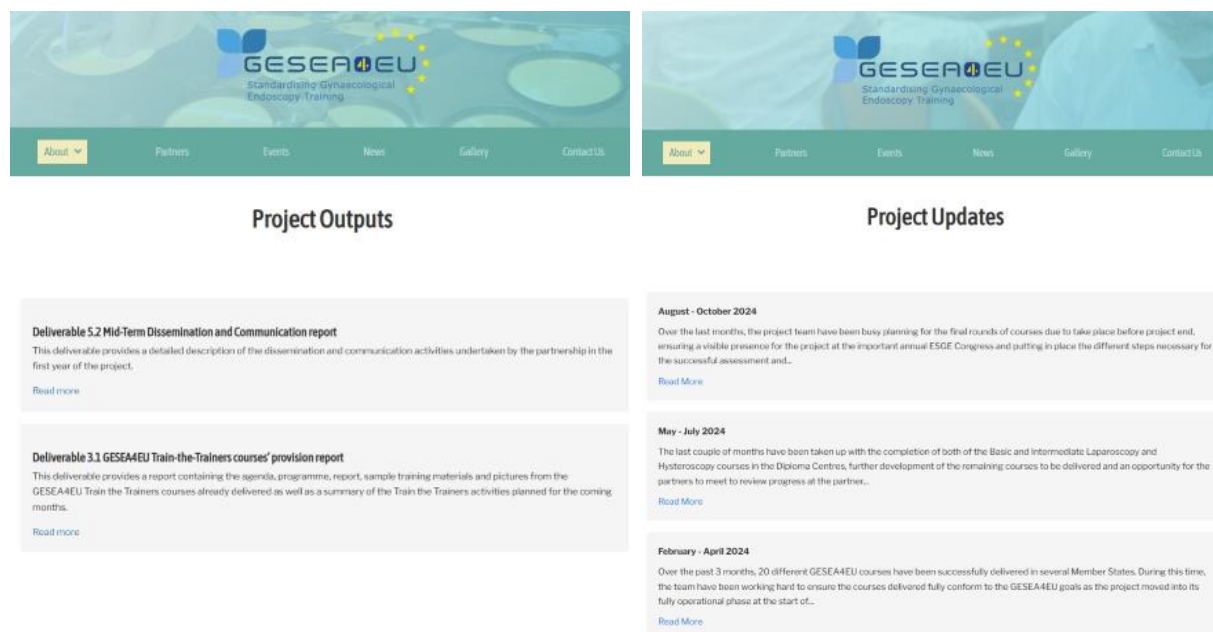
Website

Part of the ongoing strategy continues to be maintaining a strong connection with overall GESEA communications as managed by ESGE while ensuring a separate and visible identity for the GESEA4EU project. As described in the dissemination plan, and reported on at the end of Year 1, this has meant the establishment of a separate GESEA4EU webpace as part of the GESEA website on the address <https://gesea.eu/gesea4eu/>. This site is managed by the ESGE team but ATiT staff have also had access to this site and have regularly added content and updated different sections of the site.

This site was structured in much the same way as foreseen and already described in D5.1 and D5.2. The following sections show the contents and purpose of each section at the end of year 2.

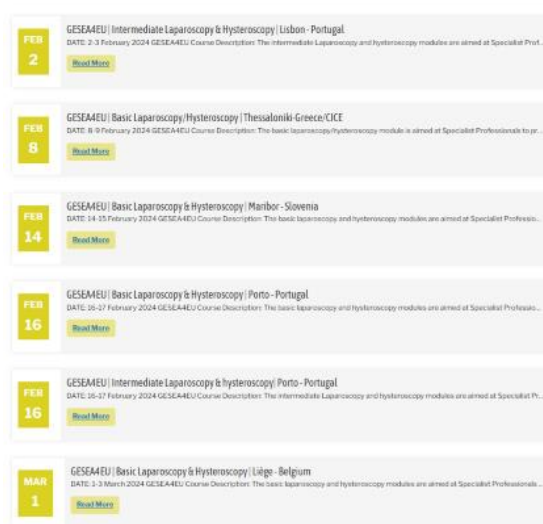
Under the 'About' tab, visitors can choose from several further options, namely: **Project Objectives**; giving a summary of the GESEA4EU objectives; **Concept and Methodology** providing further insights into the training methodologies and the GESEA modules and **Project Outputs** which provides access to public project deliverables and which is updated

according as public deliverables are accepted by the EC. This drop down menus also enables access to **Project Updates** which provides short but succinct updates of project progress updated every 3 months



The next section of the website provides the list of all **Project Partners**. Here partners are shown with their logo and a direct link then to the relevant hospital, department or organisation leading on the GESEA4EU work.

The next tab, **Events**, is of significant importance to the project team as this is where the GESEA4EU courses were all listed and regularly updated. Each entry was mirrored on the main GESEA home page and includes a separate page for each event describing the name of the course, who is the organiser and where it was taking place as well as the contact details for further information. The ESGE office has ensured this list is kept accurately and all alterations to the agenda are updated in this list as quickly as possible.



The following tab leads the visitor to the **News** section which the ATiT team keep up to date with short snippets of news from the partners and the consortium as a whole. The initial target of 1 news items per month has been met and exceeded in several months in Year 2 and provides a good overview of the dissemination activities undertaken to date. Many of the news items come from the partners, particularly those who organised basic or Intermediate courses in 2024. Each item includes an image and several include links for

further information. These news items are often used in the social media posts shared by the core dissemination team and the partners.



GESEA4EU goes to Marseille

Come and meet the GESEA4EU project partners at the annual ESGE Congress taking place in the wonderful city of Marseille...

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GESEA4EU Basic course runs smoothly in Gemelli

The team in Gemelli Hospital in Rome continued their busy schedule of GESEA4EU Courses under the leadership of Dr. Federica...

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GESEA4EU Nurse Training in Nicosia popular with OR nurses

The GESEA4EU ENDO NURSES Congress took place on 14 September in the UNSCO lecture room in the University of Nicosia...

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Last TTT course scheduled for December in Rome

Ancient ruins of the Roman Forum in Rome Italy In order to ensure that the...

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GESEA4EU course takes place in Barcelona

We are delighted to share the news that a new Basic Laparoscopy and Hysteroscopy course took place on 2-3 July...

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Enthusiastic response to GESEA4EU Course in Tallinn

Our partners from University of Torino led the first GESEA4EU course that took place in the Mustamäe tervisekeskus, in West...

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The next tab leads to the project **Gallery** which provides access to photos from different project related events including meetings and training courses and provides the means whereby partners can find pictures that they can use in their own dissemination activities.

The last tab, **Contact Us**, simply provides access to the generic email address for contacting the project team.

Social media channels

As originally planned, the dissemination team have relied heavily on the existing GESEA social media channels to promote GESEA4EU activities.

In 2024 the ESGE Team used actively Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Mailings (SendGrid Tool) and the ESGE Annual Congress to promote the GESEA4EU Activities.

The followers of the different digital platforms through which the project's activities were highlighted is as follows:

Social Media Pages and digital tools dedicated to the project:

Instagram:

GESEA_Programme – 1533 Followers
ESGEorg – 3116 Followers

LinkedIn:

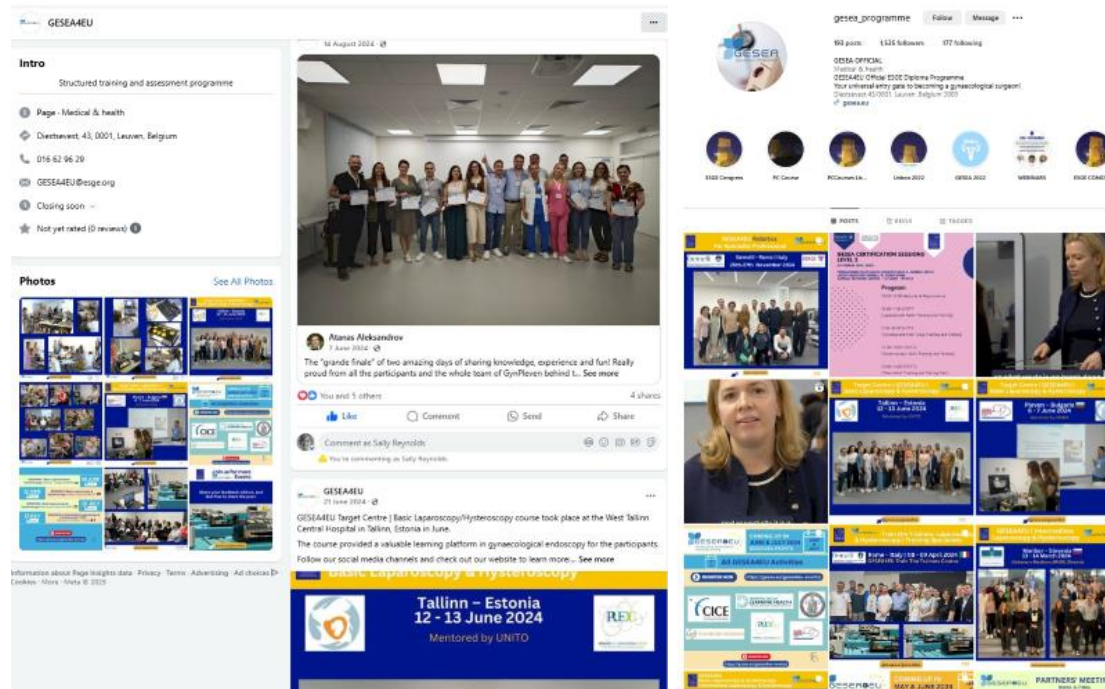
GESEA4EU – 285 Followers
ESGE - 4000+ Followers

Facebook:

GESEA4EU page – 236 Followers
ESGE page – 4500+ Followers

SendGrid – Mailing Platform

Recipients: 6000 individuals



GESEA4EU page on Facebook and GESEA page on LinkedIn

Publications

The dissemination team have also used the high quality and widely circulated ESGE newsletter, ESGE Vision, to promote the project. This is the official newsletter of ESGE and is sent to 6500 recipients every 6 months. Over the last 12 months of the project, two such articles have been included. The first entitled “New standardised GESEA courses trialled in 13 European countries” was included in the August 2024 edition.

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New standardised GESEA courses trialled in 13 European countries

The GESEA4EU project, supported by the European Commission's EU4Health programme, has successfully launched the newly developed GESEA standardised training programme for specialists in 9 different Diploma Centres. These centres in Lisbon and Porto in Portugal, Liège and Louvain in Belgium, Maribor in Slovenia, Naples, Rome and Torino in Italy and Clermont-Ferrand in France have offered Basic as well as Intermediate courses aimed at specialists with relevant experience. The feedback so far from trainers and participants alike has been really encouraging, highlighting the value such a standardised course brings to the ESGE community given its reliance on a common methodology leading to the established and highly regarded GESEA certification process.



As well as these courses aimed at existing Diploma Centres, new target centres, aiming to become accredited GESEA Training Centres in Spain, Greece, Poland, Croatia, Ireland, Bulgaria and Hungary have also organised Basic GESEA courses with participation levels of between 18 and 23 specialists per course. These courses were made possible through the generous support of the existing Diploma Centres in the GESEA4EU partnership, each of which acted as a mentor for a specific target centre, travelling to the new centre and leading the training as well as offering other guidance and support.

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At the center time in the training, after having rolled out for specialists, important steps in the assessment of the established 280 course participants and the evaluation of these and the other courses underway in GESEA4EU has been moving ahead led by Prof. Michael Radoschewski from CHB in Frankfurt and currently the President of ESGE. This work includes the development of a range of new assessment protocols and micro-certification tools.

Project work continues in the autumn with the rollout of the Robotics courses organized together with GESECS. While the training of trainers for the Robotics course for specialists took place already in Spring, the Robotics courses for specialists themselves will take place in Rome at the end of November, with Robotics courses for nurses and nurse assistants taking place in Rome in October.

None of these courses would have been possible without the development of a cohort of trained trainers, competent and experienced in the delivery of the new standardised courses. To date, two successful rounds of training for these trainers have taken place in Geneva Hospital (EPFL) in Rome under the leadership of Prof. Vitoantonio Tania from UNIC in Cyprus and the management of Dr Federica Campese from EPFL in Italy with a third planned for Autumn.

During the same period, the remaining limited courses for specialists will be launched including the Digital hysteroscopy Centres-related courses and the advanced courses. A further key feature of the upcoming period will be the roll-out of the courses aimed at nurses, general practitioners and non-clinical staff all of which will be offered in blended and fully online formats and which aim to involve over 300 participants in at least 9 countries.

Want to find out more?
Check out our [website](#) for more information.

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Article about GESEA4EU circulated in August 2024

The second article was included in the December 2024 edition entitled "Results of certification prove the value of GESEA's new standardised courses"



Article about GESEA4EU circulated in December 2024

Events

In the second year of the project GESEA4EU was represented by the central dissemination team at one main event, the annual ESGE Congress, although project partners represented the project at many national and regional events as part of their contribution to the Communication & Dissemination work of the project.

The ESGE Congress took place at the end of October 2024 in Marseille. This annual event is the main flagship event in the ESGE calendar and attracts over 2000 participants. GESEA4EU had a booth on the ESGE Stand at the conference where partners were available to discuss the project with visitors. GESEA4EU was highlighted at various moments during the Congress including the opening session attended by everyone when it was spotlighted in terms of the contribution made by the project to the overall goals and plans of ESGE. Project results were highlighted, Partners were acknowledged and the reference to the EC funding clearly shown.



Leaflets about the project were also available on this stand and partners provided several other inputs to the agenda which included the organisation of a specific GESEA4EU training course on Robotics attended by 14 participants.

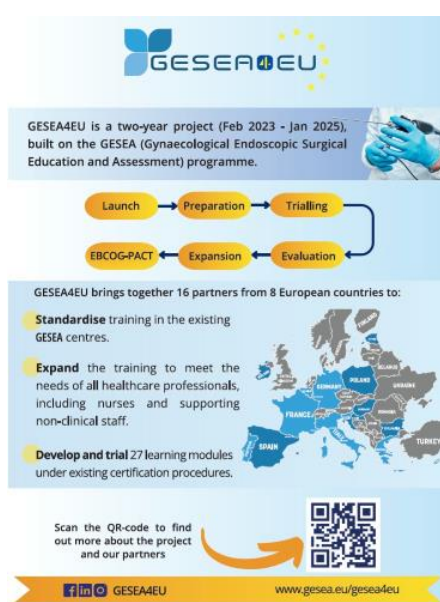


Video

During the second year of the project, the video produced in year 1 continued to be used and partners regularly made it available during any promotional events or activities.

Project leaflet

The basic project leaflet produced in Year 1 and made available in all partner languages continued to be used extensively in the first part of Year 2. However, in Summer 2024, it was decided to create a second full colour 2-page glossy leaflet showing some of the training activities underway. This leaflet was created and shared with partners. It was also shared extensively during the ESGE Congress in Marseille in October 2024, ESGE's flagship annual event attended by approximately 2000 people. This leaflet was distributed from the dedicated GESEA4EU booth on the ESGE stand.



Dissemination and Communication activities carried out by partners

Throughout the two years of the GESEA4EU project, all partners have engaged in significant and complementary efforts regarding communication and dissemination. These efforts have been documented extensively, informally during project meetings and exchanges, formally through technical reports submitted by each partner for the preparation of the interim technical reports. The following sections summarise the most relevant activities carried out by the partners across various channels and settings.

Each partner has access to short project descriptions in their own language, provided at the beginning of the initiative, along with the necessary logos and disclaimers. Furthermore, a standardised GESEA4EU leaflet, translated into each partner's language, is available for local printing and distribution.

Communication actions undertaken locally aimed at colleagues in own and associated institutions

Dissemination activities carried out by all the partners largely included communications to disseminate the project in their own and associated institutions. Such activities were carried out in order to share information about the progress of the project and to promote the upcoming courses, workshops and events related to GESEA4EU.

Sample activities include:

- Gemelli Hospital, which presented and promoted the project through the "Gemelli Journal Club" in March 2024;
- AUTH, which widely promoted GESEA4EU to institutions such as the Hellenic Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy and the Hellenic Society of Fertility and Sterility, by taking part in their webinars (March 2024) or by posting contents on their website (all throughout 2024).

Promotion of GESEA4EU courses organised locally

A significant effort has been put into promoting GESEA4EU courses, such as the Basic Laparoscopy and Hysteroscopy modules aimed at specialist professionals (L1/H1). Practically all partners reported dissemination activities of this type, for example

- AUTH used various channels, including social media, mailing, and announcements to engage participants.

- PiusH, GLSMED and EBCOG contributed by promoting the modules via leaflets, websites, and social media platforms like Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram.
- UNINA organised on-site presentations, mainly held by Dr. F.P. Improda, to raise awareness about the project during their training activities.



Participants taking part in the GESEA4EU module organised by AUTH



Participants taking part in the GESEA4EU module organised by GLSMED

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There are 4 open spaces for the upcoming Level 2 session in Leuven, Belgium from 3-5 March 2024.

Please email Marie.Timmermans@chuliege.be to register.

Please note the following:

- Travel and accommodation cost is not included
- You must have a GESEA Level 1 certificate to participate

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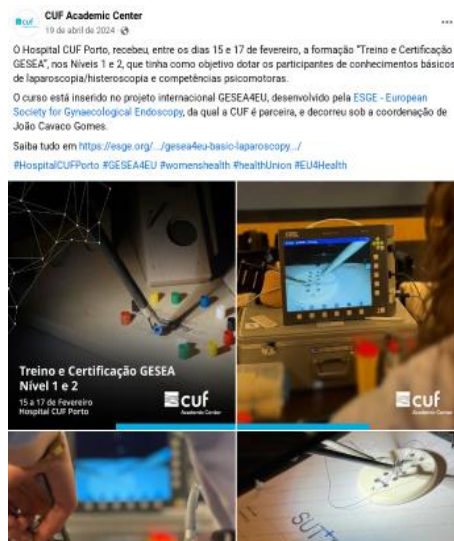
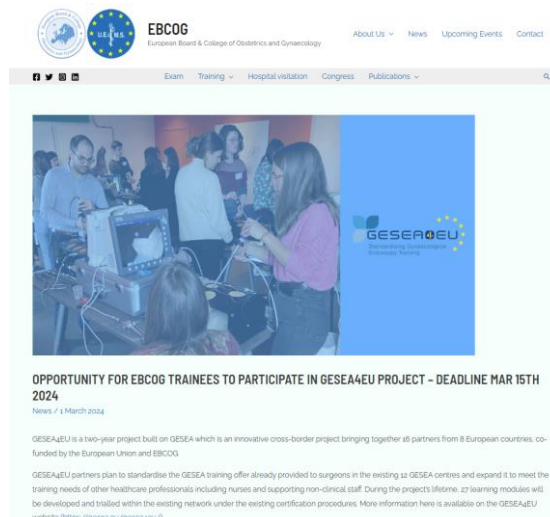
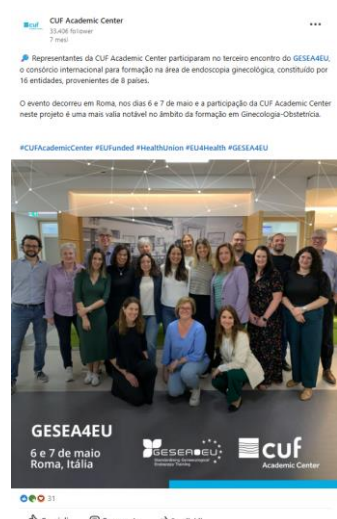
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Dissemination activities online through social media channels

Social media has been a key tool for online promotion. All consortium partners have actively shared posts, announcements, and photos about project activities.

From course promotions to consortium meetings and congress participations, social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and X (formerly Twitter) were used to reach a broad audience and encourage participation in various events and courses.



Events and conferences

A variety of events and scientific conferences have been organised and attended by the partners to promote the GESEA4EU project. Here are some examples gathered from partner reports partners:

- Gynaecological Endoscopy Today, Athens Greece, organized by Hellenic Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy, 10-11 May 2024 – Lecture introducing GESEA educational programme by Professor Theodoros Theodoridis (AUTH).
- Laparoscopy in PAG, workshop during the 16th European Congress of Paediatric and Adolescence Gynaecology, 5-8 June 2024 – Lecture introducing GESEA educational programme by Professor Theodoros Theodoridis (AUTH).
- ENTOG (European Network of Trainees in Obstetrics and Gynaecology) Scientific Meeting 2024, Zurich – Dr. Istvan Argay (UEMS EBCOG) was the invited speaker who presented GESEA4EU and GESEA training on 13 September 2024.
- All Around Pelvic Floor Anatomy International Symposium, 19 April 2024- Experts from Gemelli Hospital (FPG) delivered a lecture. "The power of training in minimally invasive techniques".
- SIGO (Italian Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics) Congress 2024, Florence, Italy, 3-6 November 2024- Dr. Federica Campolo (FPG) presented and promoted the project to an audience of around 1300 experts in the field of gynaecology and obstetrics.

Publications /press

Following the use of publications and press releases for the launch of the project, the communication strategy focused on internal newsletters as a key channel for communication within institutions. These newsletters provided updates on the GESEA4EU project and its progress, ensuring that relevant stakeholders remained informed.

Main conclusions

Looking back over the second year of communication and dissemination work carried out by the project team, there are many positive results worth noting. The first is clearly related to the work carried out by the partners in promoting and organising training courses in the 12 Diploma and Training Centres and then the associated training courses in each of the 9 new Target centres. Each of these training events involved the local partner in promoting the course, highlighting the GESEA4EU brand and raising awareness amongst local target groups of not only the role of the project but also the GESEA Educational Programme as a whole. All project partners were highly cooperative in ensuring a common overview of the project and in highlighting the role of the European Commission in supporting the project. Partners in turn provided a continuous flow of photos and updates to the central C&D team which meant that the central channels including the website and social media channels were kept continuously up to date.

Secondly, through the dissemination efforts of the partners led by the C&D team, the outreach to 9 new centres in 8 countries has meant that information about the GESEA Educational Programme has been extended to countries and regions where previously not a lot of information was available. It is clear that the mentor approach adopted in the project has paid dividends with close professional ties established between many new centres and those which are much more experienced – all helping to spread information about the value and impact of the GESEA Educational Programme.

Thirdly, the promotion of different project activities involving SERGS and EBCOG has served well to underline the valuable working relationships that exist with these organisations. Shared activities that are disseminated highlighting the identity of these organisations has proven to be of significant mutual benefit and helped to clear the way for further cooperation in the future.

Finally, the development of courses specifically dedicated to non-specialists including nurses has led to a significant widening in terms of interest in the GESEA Educational Programme. Despite the relatively short duration of the project, this has led to quite some interest in the programme from the wider medical community, fostered further interest in the overall topic of Gynaecological Endoscopy. This has placed ESGE and the project partners in a very good position to continue their work which has at its heart an improvement in patient care through the effective application of the very latest advances in tools and approaches.

Annexes

Annex 1: Project update April 2024



GESEA4EU Project Update

Date: 5 April 2024

This short update provides a summary of project achievements from January 2024 to April 2024 as well as an overview of the work to be done in the coming months organised by work package.

WP1: Project Management

The Project Steering Committee (PSC) has continued to meet monthly over the past 3 months and it is in this forum that most of the issues facing the project have been discussed. Work in the area of project management has continued to go according to schedule and is handled on a [day-to-day](#) basis by the project management team based in ESGE.

One of the main areas of concern for the team has been the submission of a significant amendment to the project grant agreement. This was submitted in February and finally approved at the end of February. However, there was a discrepancy in the figures quoted in the amendment document and the supporting financial documentation which was not spotted by either the EC or the project team. As a result, a further small amendment had to be prepared and submitted at the beginning of April. This amendment has no bearing on either the overall cost changes as agreed with the partners and included in the original amendment or the submission of the interim report as it is purely a formality to ensure [all](#) of our documentation is in order.

Deliverable D1.2, the Project Handbook, was submitted during this period and accepted by the Project Officer (PO). It is available in the Teams platform of the project.

Considerable effort is currently going into the preparation of the interim report covering both the technical reporting – [summary](#) of the work of the project to date and the financial reporting – [summary](#) of the financial spending of the project. The deadline for submission of these reports is the end of April. Part of this effort covers helping partners prepare to submit their own financial reports which they need submit themselves via the EC's project portal.

Next steps

- Preparation of the next full partner meeting in Rome on 6/7 May which is also the next important milestone for the project.
- Finalise and submit both technical and financial reports to the European Commission by end April.
- Continue to organise and support the monthly PSC meetings.

WP2: Preparatory Activities

WP2 came to a formal end in November 2023 and all work activities related to the preparation of the different courses [continue](#) now under WP3.

WP3: Training Activities

This work is led by Dr. Federica Campolo in FPG, Rome and began in earnest in November 2023. The first important task in this WP is the Training the Trainers (T3.1). Following the first successful iteration of this course in December 2023 in FPG in Rome, a further set of two TTT courses for Specialists (L7 and H8) will take place on 8 and 9 April 2024 in Rome. Bookings for these courses, the last of these TTT courses in the lifetime of the project, are quite high and the project is on target to reach the expected number of trained trainers (54) although not all target centres have committed staff to these courses.

Meanwhile the training of specialists at both Basic (L1/H1) and Intermediate (L2/H2) levels is taking place in all diploma and target centres during this period and is expected to be completed by end of June 2024. Standardised documents related to the delivery of these courses were distributed covering course content as well as important ancillary documents such as consent sheets, etc. Feedback from the courses is generally positive and it's clear that there has been a lot of interest amongst participants. Enrollment in the eLearning platform has generally taken place on time.



Practically all the recordings of lectures related to the different courses have now been completed, and where there were gaps, replacements are being made. Work on reviewing the translations of the sub-titles and scripts related to the recordings is well underway.

The first round of the Training the Trainers in Robotics (R3) took place in FPG on 18/19 March and plans are in hand to organise a campus in FPG for the planned Robotics for Specialists course (R1) in Autumn. Content for these courses is being standardised, with new recordings to be made to ensure these courses conform to the overall GESEA style and approach.

Deliverable 3.1 the GESEA4EU Train-the-Trainers courses' provisional report was finally submitted in March and is awaiting approval by the PO.

Next steps:

- TTT in Rome on 8/9 April 5, 2024
- Put in place [timetable](#) for Robotics course in Autumn and promote
- Continue to support all Diploma and Target centres in their delivery of courses in coming months.

WP4: Training Activities assessment and validation

This work which is led by Prof. Benoît Rabischong formally began in November 2023 and includes all the tasks related to assessing and validating the impact of the GESEA4EU modules and their verification in real conditions. The first important task in this work package is T4.1, the Assessment of the Trainers in the Consortium. Effort is currently going into the standardisation of this process with the guidance of Prof. Rabischong and Prof. Tanos, the academic director of the TTT courses.

Prof. Rabischong will continue to carefully monitor the planning and delivery of the different courses with the support of Dr. Serena Guerra and a complete description of the different certification procedures is under development. This includes the development of a set of micro-credentials that can be used [in all](#) of the online courses delivered to non-medical staff. Part of the effort being put into this WP includes ensuring that all assessment and validation actions conform to the overall GESEA Certification process.

Next steps:

- Monitor and support the assessment and validation of the TTT courses.
- Monitor and support the assessment and validation of the courses in the Diploma and Target Centres
- Prepare the final planning in respect to the micro-credentials to be applied to the online courses.

WP5: Dissemination and Communication

The Dissemination and Communication work continues and is led by Sally Reynolds working closely with Vanya Ivanova in the ESGE office. The dissemination team is putting considerable effort into ensuring that partners provide images and other evidence from the courses that are being organised in the Diploma and Target centres and in re-using these materials for both the project web site and the associated social media campaigns.

Monitoring of partners' efforts with respect to dissemination continues apace and all partners are being reminded to note all dissemination activities that they have performed as part of their contribution to the annual interim report.

Next steps:

- Continue to monitor and support project dissemination activities with a specific focus on the current course agenda in the Diploma and Target centres.
- Start to plan for the GESEA4EU representation at the ESGE Congress at the end of October.
- Prepare and submit D5.2 Mid-term dissemination and communication report, Due M12.

Meetings and dates for your calendar

- Next face-to-face project meeting: **6-7 May** in Rome, Italy hosted by FPG.

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Annex 2: Project update July 2024



GESEA4EU Project Update

Date: 11 July 2024

This short update provides a summary of project achievements from April 2024 to June 2024 as well as an overview of the work to be done in the coming months organised by work package.

WP1: Project Management

The Project Steering Committee (PSC) has continued to meet monthly over the past 3 months and has used these meetings to discuss the main issues facing the project as well as monitoring progress and agreeing deadlines. Work in the area of project management has continued to go according to schedule and is handled on a day-to-day basis by the project management team based in ESGE.

The final version of the Interim Technical Report along with the individual financial reports for the project were submitted in early May with the significant support of all partners. At the end of May, the EC issued a series of follow-up questions largely concerning financial aspects of this report. These were discussed with the partners concerned and an updated version of the report was submitted in early June. Several days ago, on 8 July, we received the news that the Interim report has now been accepted which means that a payment to the project of €200,000 to cover the actual costs claimed for Year 1, will be transferred to ESGE who will then take steps to release individual payments to all partners accordingly.

During this period a very successful project meeting was held in Rome on 6/7 May, many thanks to FPG for hosting this meeting. It provided a useful opportunity to revisit several issues and to renew all partners' commitment to and interest in the project – thanks to everyone who could attend! This meeting also met an important milestone for the project which is now fully [update](#) regarding all deliverables and milestones.

Next steps

- Preparation of the next online partner meeting on 2 September as well as the next face-to-face meeting for all partners which will take place in Lisbon on 11/12 November.
- Prepare next internal financial report with all partners to cover the period Feb – July 2024 [update](#) to assess overall project spending and to check if any adaptations are required.
- Continue to organise and support the monthly PSC meetings.

WP3: Training Activities

This work is led by Dr. Federica Campolo in FPG, Rome. For further information on these courses please contact both Dr. Campolo (federica.campolo@polidisciplinariemil.it) and the ESGE project team (GESEA4EU@esge.org).

The important round of Basic (L1/H1) and Intermediate (L2/H2) Training for Specialists in the Diploma and Target Centres has largely come to an end. In overall terms the feedback has been positive and the target numbers for these courses appear to have been reached.

A second round of the TTT for Specialists course (L2/H8) was organised in Rome in early April. While the numbers attending were acceptable, several Diploma and Target centres have not yet sent suitably qualified participants (minimum GESEA Level 1 with the expectation to achieve Level 2 by project end) on one of these courses and so the PSC has agreed with FPG that a third round of this course will be organised in Rome on 18 September targeted specifically on the centres who have not yet sent suitable qualified participants.

Work on the Robotics course for Specialists (R1) has also continued as planned and dates for this course have been agreed. These will take place on 25, 26 or 27 November in Rome, the duration of these courses is approximately half a day. Booking is now open to all partners to reserve their place, further details about the programme are available from Dr. Campolo.

Work on the other courses aimed at Specialists has also continued:



- L3/H3: MIGS Clinical Attachment (on-site), first placement underway, aimed at Training Centres (AUTH, CICE, Upps, FPG).
- L4: Advanced Laparoscopy (online) content under development, recruitment not yet open.
- H4: Digital Hysteroscopy Centre (Hybrid) planned for 14 October, EAGS and FPG targeted.

Courses aimed at nursing staff have also been put into operation. One-day L5/H5: Laparoscopy/Hysteroscopy for Nurses hybrid courses will take place in Rome on 25 and 26 October. All Training, Diploma and Target Centres are invited to send one or two nurses to this course. Booking is now open to all partners to reserve their place, further details about the programme are available from Dr. Campolo.

Work on the other courses aimed at Nurses has also continued during this [update](#):

- H6: Digital Hysteroscopy Centre for nurses (on-site) planned for 14 October in Rome, EAGS and FPG targeted
- R2: Robotics for nurses (Hybrid) planned for 17 October in Rome, EAGS and FPG targeted although other nurse participants are welcome from training, diploma and target centres.

One further course aimed at trainees is R4: Robotics for training nurses which is being planned internally in Rome.

[Finally](#) plans for a series of courses aimed at a more general audience are well underway. One of these is L6/H7: Laparoscopy/Hysteroscopy for equipment operators whereby all Training and Diploma Centres are expected to identify at least one person to participate in this hybrid course. Dr. Campolo will be in contact with all centres targeted to progress recruitment for this course.

Recordings of lectures related to the different courses continue to be made where there are gaps and work on reviewing the translations of the subtitles and scripts related to the recordings continues.

Next steps:

- Recruitment for TTT (L7/H8) in Rome on 18 September 2024. Nurse training in Rome on 15, 16, 17 October (General and Robotics) and Robotics Course for Specialists (R1) in Rome on 25, 26, 27 November
- Further progress planning and timetable for all other courses

WP4: Training Activities assessment and validation

This work is led by Prof. Benoit Rabichong supported by Dr. Serena Guerra. Over the past months, significant effort has been put into devising a system of assessment and validation to match the courses and to meet the overall objectives of the GESEA Educational Programme.

For practically all the courses now planned or already underway, protocols exist defining both the procedures to be adopted along with who is responsible for assessment in each course. Several of the courses involve in-depth assessment carried out by the lead person/Chief of the Training or Diploma Centre while others, largely those delivered [online](#) rely more on responses to questionnaires developed specifically for the course. All assessment and validation activities depend on the existing certification processes of the GESEA Programme which ensures the sustainability of the work underway.

Furthermore, this process of assessment also includes elements of formative as well as summative evaluation. Feedback from trainees is being processed to improve the overall [quality](#) of courses that are taking place more than once in the project lifetime. This process has already had several direct results, for example the training given to nurses, originally foreseen as being solely on-site, also now includes several online elements to better prepare those taking part in the same course in the future.

Next steps:

- Continue to monitor and support the assessment and validation of the TTT courses.
- Prepare the final planning in respect to the micro-credentials to be applied to the online courses.

WPS: Dissemination and Communication

The Dissemination and Communication work continues and is led by Sally Reynolds working closely with Vanya Ivanova and Katri [Kopola](#) in the ESGE office. Several partners have now begun to provide regular updates



regarding their dissemination activities and the website and related social media channels are being kept up to date on a regular basis.

During this period a deliverable charting the progress of the project in respect to dissemination was submitted to, and accepted by, the European Commission and used to partially inform the Interim Technical Report

Next steps:

- Continue to monitor and support project dissemination activities with a specific focus on new courses taking place in Autumn.
- Work on the GESEA4EU representation at the ESGE Congress at the end of October.
- Further collaboration with EBCOG in accordance with the task of establishing a MoU by project end

Meetings and dates for your calendar

- 2 September online Partner meeting at 18:00 CEST.
- Next face-to-face meeting for all partners in Lisbon on 11/12 November.

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Annex 3: Project update October 2024



GESEA4EU Project Update

Date: 15 October 2024

This short update provides a summary of project achievements from July to September 2024 as well as an overview of the work to be done in the coming months organised by work package.

WP1: Project Management

Monthly meetings of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) continued over the summer although the pace of activities in the project overall slowed in July and August as many people took their well-deserved holidays. However, since the start of September, the pace has returned to normal and the project team in ESGE has been ~~working~~ with the support of colleagues in Value Services, Antonella Cadeddu and Mauro Travasso.

A successful online meeting for all partners was organised on 2 September when there was a chance to review project progress overall and to focus ~~on~~ the upcoming courses planned from now till the end of the project. During this meeting, partners were also reminded about completing their financial reports for the period February - July 2024 which is an important element in enabling the management team to plan and record overall project spend for the second year of the project.

Next steps:

- Preparation for the next partner meeting to be held in Lisbon on 11-12 November kindly hosted by our partners CAC and GLSMED in Portugal.
- Follow up with partners to finalise and analyse financial reports for February - July 2024.
- Continue to organise and support the monthly PSC meetings.

WP3: Training Activities

This work is led by Dr. Federica Campolo in FPG, Rome. For further information on these courses please contact both Dr. Campolo (federica.campolo@polisi.incgemsa.it) and the ESGE project team (GESEA4EU@esge.org).

During this period, several courses took place. These included two Basic Laparoscopy and Hysteroscopy courses organised by GESEA Centres in Hospital da Luz (GLSMED) Lisbon on 2 July and FPG on 23/24 September. Furthermore, an Intermediate Laparoscopy and Hysteroscopy course was organised in Clermont-Ferrand on 17/18 July. Finally, a highly successful delivery of the Laparoscopy and Hysteroscopy course for nurses took place in Nicosia on 14 September organised by UNIC.

One of the main preoccupations of this period has been planning for the final courses to be organised before project end in January 2025. These courses are a mix of hybrid and fully online courses. Several of these courses aimed at specialists and others incorporate one or more of the general courses available. As well as planning and recruitment for these courses, work has also continued to record and edit the various video-based lectures that are part of the different course curricula.

The following list ~~supplements~~ the status of the different courses still underway.

Courses aimed at Specialists:

- MIGS Clinical Attachment (L3/H3) based on traineeships: first such traineeship underway.
- Advanced Laparoscopy (L4), online course, content under development, recruitment not yet underway.
- Digital Hysteroscopy Centre (H4), Hybrid course, aimed at specialists in FPG, taking place 14 October.
- Robotics (R1), Hybrid course, open to all, taking place 25/27 November, recruitment open.
- Basic Laparoscopy and Hysteroscopy (L1/H1) these hybrid courses are largely completed although there is one planned for November 21/22 in Oldenburg – Germany organised by ~~UNIC~~ for local participants.

Courses aimed at Nurses

- Laparoscopy/Hysteroscopy for Nurses (L5/H5) hybrid course will take place on 15/16 October, recruitment open.



- Digital Hysteroscopy Centre (H6), Hybrid course, aimed at nurses in FPG, taking place 14 October.
- Robotics for Nurses (R2), Hybrid course, aimed at nurses in FPG, taking place 17 October.

Courses aimed at Trainers

- Laparoscopy/Hysteroscopy for training specialists (L7/H8) final edition 16 December, recruitment open.

Courses aimed at non-specialists

- Laparoscopy/Hysteroscopy for equipment operators (L6/H7) hybrid, centres recruitment underway
- Endoscopic Surgery and patient well-being (G2) Online course, recruitment underway

Next steps:

- Recruitment for TTT (L7/H8) in Rome on 16 December, 2024 and Robotics Course for Specialists (R1) in Rome on ~~25~~ 26, 27 November
- Further progress planning and timetable for all other courses
- Gathering data and input about all courses already undertaken to be included in the final deliverable from WP3, D3.2 to provide a full report on all GESEA4EU training activities.

WP4: Training Activities assessment and validation

This work is led by Prof. Renoit Robischong supported by Dr. Serena Guerra who continue to work on the assessment and evaluation of the different GESEA4EU courses.

Over the past 3 months, evaluation criteria and mechanisms have been created based on OCSes for the following courses: Advanced Laparoscopy (L4), Robotics (R1), Laparoscopy/Hysteroscopy for Nurses (L5/H5), Robotics for Nurses (R2), Laparoscopy/Hysteroscopy for training nurses (L3/H3). Checklists are also under development for assessment of Laparoscopy/Hysteroscopy for equipment operators (L6/H7) and the General courses (G1/G2). Furthermore, protocols for assessment of hands-on skills are being developed and continue to be developed for the following courses: Digital Hysteroscopy Centre (H4), Digital Hysteroscopy Centre for Nurses (H6). At the same time, the assessment of the trainers who have undertaken the GESEA4EU TTT courses for specialists and nurses is underway with the cooperation of diploma and training centre directors in the GESEA network.

Meanwhile, the work to form an overall view of the successes and challenges associated with the assessment and validation of the different training activities organised within GESEA4EU is starting to take shape as the WP leaders gather feedback and input on the various courses delivered during the project.

Next steps:

- Continue to monitor and support the assessment and validation of the different courses.
- Finalise the planning in respect to the micro-credentials to be applied to the online courses.
- Start to prepare input for the final deliverable related to this work package.

WP5: Dissemination and Communication

The Dissemination and Communication work continues and is led by Sally Reynolds working closely with Vanya Ivanova and Kath ~~Wapole~~ in the ESGE office. During this period, several partners have submitted summaries of the dissemination work that they have undertaken and with the help of the Value Services team, effort will continue to be put into gathering feedback on their dissemination activities.

Planning for the project presence during the ESGE Congress in Marseilles has also taken place during this period and a new leaflet is planned providing an update of the progress made over the past 12 months. Meanwhile, effort continues to be put into updating the website and again the project remains as visible as possible in all relevant channels. An article about the project published in ~~esge~~ in July was of significant help in this respect.

Next steps:

- Continue to monitor and support project dissemination activities.
- Work on the GESEA4EU representation at the ESGE Congress at the end of October.
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