

Training on Digital Accessibility and Assistive Technology

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EASPD International Conference in Malta

Service providers active in the European care sector received training on digital accessibility & assistive technology at EASPD international conference in Malta

On 12th of October, EASPD's Member Forum on Person Centred Technology (PCT), in collaboration with Smart4Health Horizon project organised a tailored training on the topic - digital accessibility and assistive technology in the EASPD international conference in Malta. This activity was part of the LightHouse Network, a peer-to-peer learning and knowledge-sharing activity created in EASPD to foster the exchange of knowledge and best practices within the membership.

A total of 40+ participants attended this interactive training session. In his welcome remarks Evert-Jan Hoogerwerf, Chair of the PCT forum highlighted the importance of how digital accessibility competences and knowledge of assistive technologies help service providers to deliver better quality services. The training started with a session by Ilaria Valoti from AIAS Bologna Italy. She gave an introduction to the basic concept of digital accessibilities with few valuable tools available online to check accessibility features of websites and apps. On the second session, Dr May Agius & Sharon Borg Schembri from Access to Communication & Technology Unit (ACTU), Aġenzija Sapport, Malta talked about the types of assistive technology, their categories and how it plays a crucial role to enable participation of people with disabilities and empowering their independent living. Lastly, Renaud Scheuer, Head of Knowledge and Innovation at EASPD gave an short introduction of Horizon project Smart4Health. Later on all participants joined an interactive focus group exercise where they applied their learning to assess the accessibility of a health data record and sharing platform developed under the project. All participants also shared their instant feedback on the platform by completing a usability scale survey.

On her final remarks Dr. May Agius shared an open invitation to all participants to join the Person Centred Technology (PCT) meetings to know more about the recent developments in the field of assistive technologies.