

Persist_EU “Knowledge, Beliefs and Perceptions about Science of European students”

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Persist_EU is a project that focus on perceptions and beliefs of University students about science, technology, health or environment, and its importance in the near future of the European Union.

What has been done?

The project has finalized its first

phase (IO1) after nine months of development. The IO consists of an online platform for the assessment of science literacy and the quality of science related training. The tool contains different questionnaires about four topics that tests users' beliefs, knowledge, perceptions and trusts.

The tool allows a quick analysis of the responses, speeding up the improvement of science related literacy.

Where are we now?

IO2 (standard indicators for science social appropriation) is currently being developed. The consortium is working on a book containing the resulting analysis and discussions of the data from project activities. This will be accessible for free on the website and available for stakeholders.

What's new in the project?

In the last couple of months, several objectives have been achieved, like the website creation and the IO1 completion. Partners met in a transnational meeting for tracking the project's evolution and the Science Camps were designed.

• **TM Lisbon November 2019**

The Second Transnational Meeting took place on the 18th of November 2019 in Portugal in the Institute of Social Science of University of Lisbon and was organized by our Portuguese partner.

All partners had one or two representatives in the meeting in order to analyze the project evolution and future tasks.



In the meeting, partners evaluated the ICT tool as well as its validation activities, and settled further steps to be taken.

• **Science Camps**

The Science Camps are debates on climate change, vaccines, GMOs and complementary and alternative medicines, involving 500 European university students. They will be structured in two dynamic parts: first, they will have the input of specific videos and experts on the area, and afterwards there will be an open debate where they will discuss arguments on the topics at stake.

In January 2020, the pilot Science Camp took place in Italy organized by the University of Bergamo. The rest of the events were going to be held between March and May 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these events have been postponed.



You can visit the videos of Bergamo Science Camp [here](#) .

Next Steps

- Partners are reorganizing the Science Camps that will take place during this year.
- All partners are working on IO2 completion

Project's Partnership



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