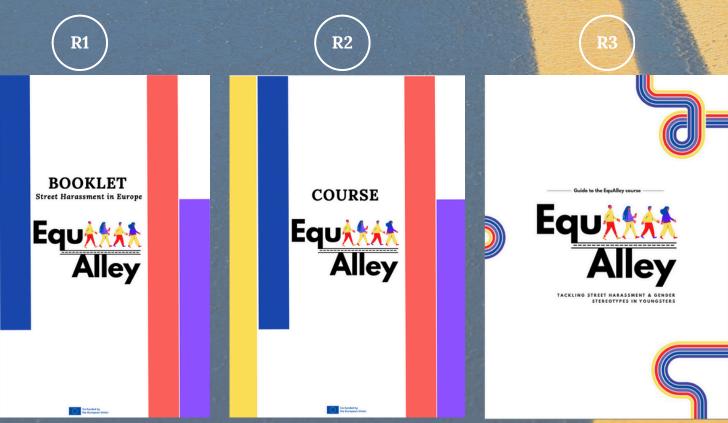
3rd NEWSLETTER Equilibrium Alley

The EquAlley project is a 24 month school education project funded by the Erasmus+ program of the European Commission with partners from Spain, Portugal, Italy, Netherlands and Poland. It sets out to challenge gender stereotypes, social injustice and gender-based violent behaviour, particularly in public spaces, in youngsters. This will be done by promoting and encouraging youngsters to re-think gender roles, norms and stereotypes through a blended-learning course offered in institutions working with youth (schools, youth centers, sports clubs...). Through pilot actions and training activities with educators themselves, the EquAlley team will develop highly relevant and valuable resources, supporting and encouraging educators to include these crucial topics in their learning experiences.



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The EquAlley Booklet

The EquAlley booklet offers an innovative insight on "Street Harassment in Europe" as a form of gendered violence, gender roles & stereotypes and the education/interventions within schools. The booklet is the result of the qualitative data collected from educators in five countries (Spain, Poland, Italy, Netherlands, and Portugal) and include comprehensive literature and glossaries to enhance the understanding of street harassment.

The booklet focuses on 6 domains:

- Definitions of Street Harassment
- The shared historical roots of Street Harassment in Europe
- In-depth Investigation and Research on Street Harassment
- The Human rights issues of Street Harassment
- The impact of Street Harassment on Young populations
- Addressing Harassment in public spaces

The EquAlley Course

The EquAlley course is an educational blended-learning course for children from the age of 12-16 years. The course consists of:

- An initial phase introducing the topic and involving all genders to foster empathy and perspective taking on gender roles, norms, and stereotypes.
- Gender-specific sections with target-oriented content (differing between the target-audience of male and female youth, with non-binary/queer pupils free to partake in either of the groups). The topics focus on teaching and discovering masculinity, sexism, how to become a male ally in gendered-violent situations, discovering (stereotypical) gender roles, teaching and promoting selfefficacy and self-empowerment, and coping with street harassment.

The course aims to sensitize, prevent, and reduce discriminatory behaviors and attitudes, challenging normative gender roles and views, while addressing the issue of street harassment, making it a novel and inclusive educational initiative.

The EquAlley Guide

The EquAlley guide is the third outcome of the project. It is a guide that provides practical and substantive explanation of the course, further guiding educators for using the course with groups and children between the age of 12-16.

The guide entails all essential activities of the course, and also includes important information on the topic of gender roles, norms & stereotypes, as well as street harassment as a form of gendered violence. It is expected to have an impact on educators, schools and institutions on a European level.



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Pilot Actions (January - February)

The pilot actions were conducted in all five partner countries (Spain, Italy, Poland, Portugal, & the Netherlands) with an aim to evaluate the Equalley course (R2) in order to finalize it in highest quality, while already reaching and sharing it within the target groups.



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International Conference - 11th of April (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

On the 11th of April, the final conference of the EquAlley project was held in Amsterdam, at the premises of Emancipator NL. It was a fantastic and enriching event, with the presence of all the partners, including Centro Formativo Otxarkoaga, Euro-Net, Uniwersytet Lodzki, and AidLearn, Consultoria de Recursos Humanos.

The multiplier event had a great turnout from the community interested in the theme of the project. During this event, the main results of the project were presented and copies of the latest Equalley Course Guide were distributed. The Equalley toolbox was presented, along with dynamic activities and exercises that engaged the audience. The conference examined the workings of street harassment, how men and boys can become part of the solution, and why we should work on transforming toxic masculinity notions and negative gender stereotypes for violence prevention.

In addition, the conference hosted a panel on policies and practices, with Keynote speakers: Ginney Liu, from the Municipality of Amsterdam; Justyna Pasikowska, Professor at the University of Łódź (Poland), Laura Adèr, co-founder of Fairspace, and Ana Belén Díaz López, from the Otxarkoaga Training Center (Bilbao, Spain). We thank everyone who attended!



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