

D5.5 Report on Activities

Workshops, Webinars and Public Events

a-STEP COST Action CA19104

Working Group 5: Dissemination & Education

Workshops

a-STEP organized several workshops for its members. In order to optimize the number of participants who were interested in participating, the workshops were incorporated in the annual meetings organized by the Action. The aim of the workshops was strongly related to the tasks and deliverables of the Action. They also served as a means to enlarge the network of a-STEP members, to initiate mentoring schemes, start new collaborations, etc. Some of the workshops organized by the Action are listed below:

5-7 September 2022. Biblioteca Pública e Arquivo Regional de Ponta Delgada, The Azores, Portugal.

- **Workshop 1.** The Delphi Study workshop. Facilitated by Daniel Beiderbeck, WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management

April 26th-27. INNOFEIT, FEEIT, Skopje, Macedonia

- **Delphi Workshop** for all Working Groups facilitated by Daniel Beiderbeck. This was Part 2 of the workshop which started in person in the Azores meeting in September 2022. This workshop was delivered online.
- **Workshop 1.** How to Make Content Usable for People with Cognitive and Learning Disabilities. Workshop offered by David Fazio, Helix Opportunity, San Francisco, California.
- **Workshop 2.** The use of speech technology in the treatment of children with autism. Workshop offered by Danche Todorovska and Gordana Blagojevska, Open the Windows and Branislav Gerazov, FEEIT



27-28 September, 2023 at VID Specialized University, Oslo, Norway.

- **Workshop 1.** “Co-production and co-writing of an article using the Story Dialogue Method SDM”. Workshop offered by Professor Zada Pajalic VID Specialized University.
- **Workshop 2.** “The Autism Association in Norway, Who we are and what our purpose is”. Workshop offered by Annette Drangsholt Leader of the Autism Association in Norway.
- **Workshop 3.** “Use of SCERTS (Social Communication, Emotional Regulation and Transactional Support) in the context of a research project involving robots and children with autism”. Workshop offered by Juan Carlos Torrado, Senior Researcher (Norwegian Computing Centre, Norsk Regnesentral).
- **Workshop 4.** “Designing Accessible Technology with People with Intellectual Disabilities” Workshop facilitated by Leandro Guedes.

20-21 May 2024 at the University of Cagliari Faculty of Humanities, Italy

- **Workshop 1.** “Women and disability: a different path for inclusion”. Workshop offered by Prof. Ilaria Tatulli (UniCA)
- **Workshop 2.** “ICT and IA as an innovative support for learning disabilities”. Workshop offered by Gianmarco Bonavolontà (UniCA).
- **Workshop 3.** “Understanding ADHD in Education context: Perspectives from Special Pedagogy”. Workshop offered by Daniele Bullegas (UniCA).

21 October 2024. Online event

- **Webinar.** “Optimizing Literature Review Processes in Assistive Technology through AI Tools.” Workshop facilitated by Judit Szücs (a-STEP member).

Public events:

1. The 17th International Conference of the Association for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe (AAATE), held in Paris from the 30th of August to September 1st served as a dissemination platform providing an excellent opportunity to showcase the a-STEP Action’s progress and engage with the broader assistive technology community. During the conference,



a dedicated a-STEP dissemination session was held, where the Action Chair and Vice Chair presented an overview of the Action, including its goals and achievements while the leaders of each Working Group (WG) presented updates on their respective groups' work, and the Grant Awarding Coordinator provided details on available grant opportunities. Following these presentations, there was a Q&A session, allowing participants to engage directly with the presenters, fostering dialogue and increasing awareness of the Action's objectives.

2. Science Summit 2024 for Sustainable Development, held during the 79th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA79) offered a-STEP the opportunity to disseminate its results at the session "Using Assistive Technology to Promote Social Inclusion for People with Disability", where we showcased how assistive technologies are advancing inclusion for individuals with disabilities. This session was broadcasted across 82 UNESCO offices worldwide on the 27th of September 2024.