



Inclusion4Schools

Event Report for Milestone 1

**First meeting with the two supported and
parallel running RIA projects online**

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H2020 Horizon2020
 I4S Inclusion for Schools
 M Month
 PIONEERED Pioneering policies and practices tackling educational inequalities in Europe
 RIA Research and Innovation Action
 SMOOTH Educational Common Spaces Passing through enclosures and reversing inequalities

Scope of the Event

The first meeting with ongoing RIA projects funded by H2020 aimed at setting up collaboration; discussing the purposes; and creating the Collaboration Action Plan. The collaboration is based on joint programmes, and events, common communication and dissemination. The detailed Action Plan is presented in Deliverable 1.3. *Action Plan for the Collaboration between Inclusion4schools and the parallel running RIA projects* due in M16 and led by RCISD.

The first contact being established in M5 when the 2 RIA projects started, the following pre-meetings were held with the RIA project partners:

- 17 March 2021: SMOOTH project's kick-off
- 24 March 2021: PIONEERED project's kick-off

The first meeting took place in June. Before the first meeting partners shared the introduction of their projects, the objectives of them together with methodological considerations developed since the kick-off meetings:

- 17 June 2021 (M9): Participation of the two RIA projects at the first interim meeting of the Inclusion4Schools (CSA) project - The meeting was held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation.

A follow-up meeting has also been held in September in order to further plan the common activities.

- 9 September 2021: Bilateral meeting with the RIA projects

Participants

Project partners of I4s and the following representatives of the 2 RIA projects:

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Venue

Considering travel limitations and Covid-19 restrictions, the partners decided to hold the meeting online, choosing Zoom as a platform.

Summary of topics and outcomes

I4S project partners presented the possible elements for cooperation, namely:

- Common events where cooperation is envisaged;
- Cross-sectorial Think Tank workshops;
- Awareness raising events;
- Policy round tables;
- Conferences;
- Development of the R&I Methodology.

Common events

These events serve as an opportunity for communication, dissemination for mutual benefit of the three projects. The events are independent of each other but can be organised back-to-back with the events of the fellow projects.

These events of the I4S are the following:

Event name	No.	Participants
Meetings with the ongoing RIAs	2	representatives of the three projects funded by H2020
Awareness Raising Events	10	citizens + other projects and initiatives on the object
Cross-sectorial think tank workshops	12	representatives of independent sociological, educational and statistical research institutes and associations, major higher education institutions, local and national authorities, and anti-segregation NGOs
Policy round table in Brussels	2	Commission + Representatives of the three projects funded by H2020
Online Methodological Workshops	2	representatives of the three projects funded by H2020 and other invited representatives of educational research and administration
International Conferences (with live broadcasting)	3	representatives of the three projects funded by H2020 and other research groups interested in the topic, policymaker, etc.

Cross-sectorial Think Tank workshops

In various countries of Europe, although efforts have been made for a hundred of years to harmonize data and statistical categories, this is still insufficient, that is why our goals are to:

- **Enhance access and application of knowledge and data on territorial/regional and educational exclusion**

- Coordinate and support interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral think-tanks to develop ideas and suggestions in order to enlarge the efficiency of the EU policy concerning social inclusion

With different stakeholders from the involved countries of the 3 projects, at least 12 events (conferences, workshops, seminars) will be organised together.

I4S will be responsible for the agenda, booking the location, paying for the room and catering, publishing the results, etc. On the other hand, RIA colleagues will support the I4S team finding experts to invite to the workshops. There will be a detailed timing in a few weeks' time: when to recruit participants, when to send out invitations, questionnaires, materials, agenda.

When finding the experts, the snowball method will be used: appointing one person first, who can name all the other experts to be involved into the think tank. Academic persons are easy to find, while more help is needed to identify the right persons from NGOs or political parties.

Awareness-raising events

To inform citizens about the projects' developments and European engagement to reverse inequalities, there will be **10 events after April 2022, 4 events in the countries of the consortium, 6 events in the countries of the RIA projects**. With these acts we would like to inform citizens, demonstrate the projects' outcomes, gain public recognition of the problem of growing inequality as a threat to economic growth, democracy and equal opportunities for future generations.

Also, I4S will exploit planned RIA events to participate and present the possibilities of cooperation.

Policy round tables

Two policy round tables are planned together at the half term of the project and also at the end. These will be organised in Brussels.

- First policy round table in Brussels: with the Commission & the RIA projects.
- Second policy roundtable in Brussels: with the Commission & the RIA projects.

Conferences

We plan 3 international conferences in Hungary, with at least 100 participants. Participants will be: the 3 project partners, partners from further projects & initiatives, scientists, civil society organisations, policy makers.

The exact topics and agenda will be developed together: these will be more scientific events than the awareness raising events and will target academic audiences.

Cooperation in the development of the R&I Methodology

- Online forum where we can discuss research and development methodological issues

- Preparation of a methodological handbook
- Joint methodological workshops; online discussion of methodological ideas developed

Conclusions

The plan has been founded convincing, a good basis for a fruitful cooperation. The Action Plan can be developed based on these points. Strong communication and close cooperation will be kept between the projects.

Two general comments were received by the RIA partners:

- Members are busy with their academic, teaching, organising, etc duties, and they are not able to answer letters in foreseeable time. For solution it was suggested to send another letter and asking for only one expert who can be later asked to involve more.
- Results will be communicated towards the end of the project in the case of the RIAs. There will be no preliminary results to be shared or discussed, only methodology frameworks. Discussion on results can begin at the end of 2022 the earliest.

Also, it was mentioned that scheduling Policy roundtable in Brussels to August maybe is not that useful. Everything closes down in August, experts are hard to find. It was suggested to transfer the event to September.