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# NEWSLETTER

END OF THE PROJECT



## FIRST PILOT TEST IN TENERIFE

On January 15, 2025, the first pilot project of the Autism Friendly Training project was held in the city of Tenerife, within the framework of the Erasmus+ Program. The event consisted of a training day on autism and its application in the hotel sector, aimed at industry professionals, with the aim of raising awareness and training participants in caring for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The activity took place at the Paradise Park Fun Lifestyle Hotel and was attended by 53 hotel industry professionals, including waiters, managers, receptionists, chefs, and administrative staff, all interested in improving their understanding and treatment of people with ASD.

Key points covered:

- Definition and characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- Effective communication strategies with people with ASD.
- Adaptions to services and the environment to promote greater inclusion.
- Case studies and real-life examples of care in the hotel sector.



## PARTNERS





## AUTISM AND HOSPITALITY AWARENESS DAY IN BARCELONA

On December 3rd, we organized an awareness-raising event in Barcelona on the inclusion of people with ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) in the hospitality industry. This event was a great opportunity to raise awareness about the project and its mission: to promote a more accessible and inclusive environment in the hospitality industry, raising awareness among professionals and companies about the importance of adapting their work spaces and methodologies to the needs of people with autism.

Together with the Autism Friendly Club and the FRESS Association, we had the opportunity to hear the following speakers, to whom we would like to express our special thanks. With their knowledge and commitment, they contribute every day to building a more accessible world for people with ASD.

- 🎤 Elena Velasco Ramírez - Institutional Relations at Specialisterne
- 🎤 Jordi Esteve - Chef and Owner of Nectari Restaurant Barcelona
- 🎤 Edurne Uranga - Vice President of Food Service Europe



## AUTISM FRIENDLY AWARDS

The Autism Friendly Training project is the star of the Autism Friendly Awards for World Autism Awareness Day in Barcelona.

On April 2, 2025, coinciding with World Autism Awareness Day, the Autism Friendly Awards ceremony was held in Barcelona. This event brought together companies, institutions, families, and people with autism to highlight the progress made in cognitive accessibility in our society.





## PILOT TEST IN SWEDEN

The pilot brought together more than 20 organizations from Sweden and Ukraine, including educational centers, NGOs, youth organizations, and vocational training entities.

This diversity of profiles made it possible to contrast and enrich the project's approaches from very different social, educational, and cultural realities. The participating organizations contributed key experiences in youth work, social inclusion, and skills development.

Their active involvement was essential to validating the pilot's tools and strengthening their applicability in international contexts.

## PRESENTING AFC IN SWEDEN

The opportunity was also taken to present the project at an event hosted by Folkuniversitetet and aimed at stakeholders and the hotel industry in Uppsala. This presentation marked an important step in bringing the project's objectives closer to the local environment, fostering dialogue and collaboration with key players in the tourism sector.



## ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE PROJECT





## TRANSNATIONAL MEETING IN CADAQUÉS

On Tuesday, May 6, the partners met for their final in-person meeting. It was an excellent opportunity to catch up on the work carried out in recent months and define the final steps necessary to complete the project.

We were preparing for the next pilot project in Sweden, coordinating the next steps, and defining both the content and the logistics necessary for its implementation.

Key aspects were also discussed to ensure that the experience is accessible and adapted to the needs of the autistic community. The goal was to evaluate its impact and gather lessons learned that will allow us to improve future editions.

We had the pleasure of holding the meeting at the Hotel Llané Petit in Cadaqués and presenting the project to Cristina Llopart, representative of APAT Cadaqués (Cadaqués Association of Tourism Professionals and Activities).



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