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EMPOWERHER NEWSLETTER NR. 2

Welcome to the Second Edition of EmpowerHer
We're excited to share the latest updates from EmpowerHer, an Erasmus+ initiative dedicated to empowering refugee women by building their language, vocational, and social integration skills for the hospitality sector. As we move into the second phase of the project, our partnership is seeing the first major outputs come to life - with a strong focus on impact, collaboration, and innovation.

Highlights from Our 2nd Transnational Partner Meeting in Thessaloniki

Our second transnational partner meeting took place on March 10–11, 2025, in Thessaloniki, Greece, hosted by Ekpedeftiki Paremvasi KDVM S.A.. This event brought together project partners from Germany, Greece, Austria and Spain. The meeting was a valuable opportunity to reflect on the progress made, fine-tune our upcoming deliverables, and strengthen coordination across countries. Special attention was given to the rollout of core training tools, the structure of virtual reality (VR) learning resources, and the development of our profession-specific language curriculum.

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Now Available: Foundational Project Reports in 4 Languages

EmpowerHer is proud to announce the release of several key resources that lay the groundwork for the project's training activities. These reports are now available in English, German, Spanish, and Greek on our official project website.

Under Project Result 1 – Training Toolkit for VET Professionals

- Needs Analysis Report
- This report outlines the current gaps and challenges faced by vocational education and training (VET) professionals who support refugee women. It provides essential insights into their training needs and working environments across partner countries.
- Best Practice Report
- A curated collection of proven strategies, initiatives, and educational models that have successfully enhanced integration and training for refugee women. These examples form the foundation of the EmpowerHer Toolkit, ensuring it is both practical and evidence-based.

Under Project Result 2 – Profession-Specific Language Curriculum

- State-of-the-Art Report & Curriculum Framework
- This in-depth report reviews the latest trends in profession-specific language education. It includes a comprehensive curriculum that will guide the delivery of hospitality-focused language training from A1 to B1 levels.

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What We're Developing Now

The project is now moving into the implementation phase, with the creation of hands-on, interactive learning materials for both PR1 and PR2.

For Project Result 1 (PR1)
We are developing a trainer's toolkit, which will include:

- **A modular hanbook**
- **Practical lesson plans and classroom activities**
- **Ready-to-use presentation slides (PPT)**
- **AI-assisted learning videos tailored to hospitality roles**
- **A complete set of 16 immersive VR training videos, four of which are already finalized and ready for testing**

These tools are designed to help VET professionals engage learners in a meaningful and context-based way, using real-life scenarios from the hospitality sector.

For Project Result 2 (PR2)
A fully structured language training course is in the works, based on the previously published curriculum. The course focuses on developing the communication and comprehension skills required for everyday tasks in hospitality jobs such as kitchen assistant, housekeeper, logistics support, and front desk operator.

Both sets of materials are being designed to work independently or in combination, and will be tested with both trainers and refugee women in the coming months.

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What's Coming Next?

- **LTTA in Austria**

From September 1–3, 2025, partners will participate in a joint Learning, Teaching and Training Activity (LTTA) focused on practical testing of PR1 and PR2 materials. Each country will send two trainers to take part in this interactive session.

- **3rd Transnational Meeting in Austria:**

Taking place immediately after the LTTA on September 4–5, 2025, this meeting will evaluate results so far and guide the piloting phase.

- **Online Webinars (Autumn 2025)**

A series of webinars will accompany the rollout of training tools and language courses. These sessions will provide additional support and engagement opportunities for trainers and local stakeholders.

Join the Movement – EmpowerHer in Action
We invite all educators, VET providers, hospitality sector employers, NGOs, and community members to explore and share the materials we've developed so far.

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