**visits4u news**

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September was a very productive month for visits4u, as we welcomed our partners to London for the bespoke training course and the first partnership meeting. Since then we have also created a project logo, launched a dedicated website and participated in the social media activity for this year’s World Tourism Day promoting accessible tourism.

The course, based on CAE’s IOSH accredited programme, was the first stage of the Capacity Building work package, which is the pillar of the project. The access auditing exercises and the sections on the UK legislation, access standards and fire safety – particularly the importance of creating Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPS) – were evaluated as the most significant aspects of the course. In the subsequent months our partners in Greece, Latvia and Spain took the lead in their regions to deliver tailored seminars to representatives from the tourism sector and local authorities. The content of their seminars was developed based on CAE’s course and with the necessary adaptations and contextualisation. At the time of writing this, the seminars are still ongoing, but the response so far from participants has been very positive: comments have included how the seminars increased their understanding of accessibility, encouraged them to apply a practical approach to access and more confidently identify barriers that can be removed. We will publicise short reports on these seminars on the project’s website (see below) in the New Year.

In the meantime, we proudly present to you the project’s logo. The design process itself was an exercise for the team to discuss how the concepts of a*ccessibility* and *disability* may be visualised and intertwined. Eventually the chosen logo reflects the project’s *inclusive design* approach to tourism: a skyline of different types of tourist attractions that can be found across the 7 partners’ regions: from ancient amphitheatres and medieval castles to contemporary buildings and distinct natural traits of each participating city. The skyline is encircled by a thick line at the top and the project title ‘visits4u’ at the bottom.

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