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It is known that communication, especially today, has a crucial importance in all spheres of social life: relations with the bureaucracy, work, leisure activities.

A Visually Impaired Person can reduce the disadvantage resulting from his physical condition by improving his / her ability to communicate with others; communication means pooling, sharing ideas, feelings, problems and solutions.

Thus, the written or spoken word becomes the main road for communication which must compensate as much as possible the difficulty of using the visual communication (glances,, gestures, body language, etc).

Today more than ever, the world has become a village where everyone can get in touch with anybody else as if he were walking along the main street or wandering in the central square or just through the big marketplace.

The All4Well project (spoken English for blind operators in the wellness field) offers a new opportunity to thousand of masseurs, physiotherapists, blind or low sighted rehabilitation therapists, to interact with patients who don't speak our language but are able to speak English, nowadays one of the more widespread languages of the world.

All4Well has been funded within the European Long life learning programme – Leonardo da Vinci – Multilateral projects of Innovation Transfer. The project began on the 1st October 2013 and will end on the 30th September 2015. The project involves a team of experts with long experience in the fields of representing users, professional training for blind and low sighted and in the domain of accessible learning of foreign languages.

The main goal of the project is to design and realize a free interactive course for spoken English, compatible with the new digital platforms such as I-phone, Android and Microsoft.

After a survey on the users' needs and expectations, planned during the first meeting in Florence (18th – 19th November 2013) the first phase ended (Wien 24th -25th March 2014) and the preparation of the first prototype of the course has started. The strategies related to the next testing phase will be determined in the Berlin meeting (November 2014), which will prepare the final product that is the course itself. The All4Well project, besides offering a further opportunity to improve the employment status, will foster the belonging sense to a community whose borders go far beyond domestic borders. In fact, the globalization must also consider cultural exchanges and human resources sharing across linguistic and geographic boundaries.