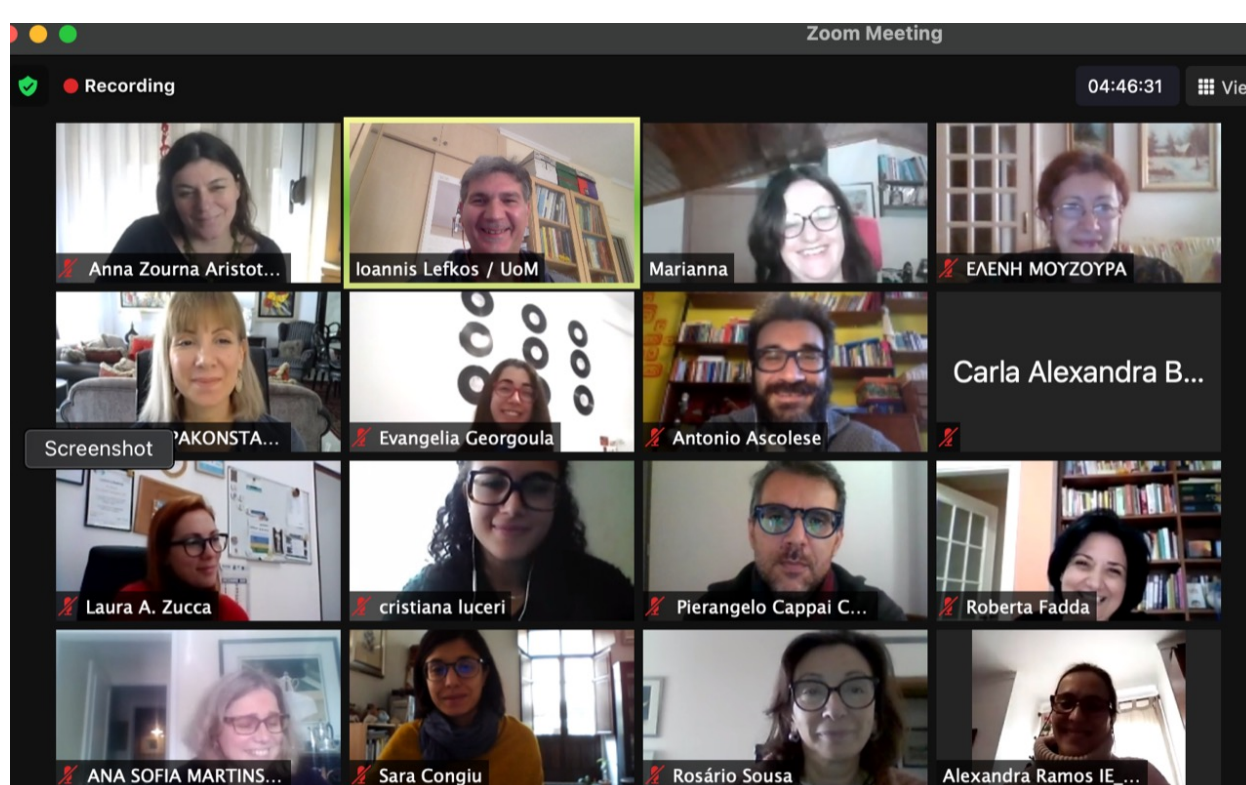




Newsletter 1: 4StuDi Partners discuss objectives, plans, and competencies at virtual kick-off meeting



Our [4StuDi](#) team gathered virtually on December 18th, 2020 to share ideas and kick-off the three-year project.

To start the meeting, partners took turns introducing themselves and sharing their core areas of expertise. This way, each team member could begin to see how their competencies compared with the rest of the group and could be translated to the project.

In the second half of the meeting, project leaders presented the initial ideas for the 4StuDi project and for Intellectual Outputs. The main goal of the project is to increase social support for students with disabilities in Europe. To achieve this, five sub-goals were identified as necessary components towards the central mission.

In short, sub-goals amount to: identifying needed social supports for students with disabilities in the school environment, evaluating existing knowledge from students and teachers about how to provide support, creating educational materials to teach students and teachers what they don't know about showing support, investigating impacts of the educational materials, and finally disseminating the type of support learners with disabilities need, in order to provide them with meaningful, high-quality educational opportunities.

For each sub-goal, a coordinating action was planned. These include interviewing students with disabilities about their needs, surveying teachers and students without disabilities about their initial knowledge, using data from these activities to create an educational program and videogame, having students and teachers use the educational program and videogame, doing a post-intervention survey to test if the program led to knowledge retention, and then disseminating results of the project via press releases, social media, etc.

Team members were able to discuss and give feedback on the initial plan, leading to a common understanding of a roadmap to shared objectives.

Stay tuned and follow our progress by reading our upcoming newsletters!

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