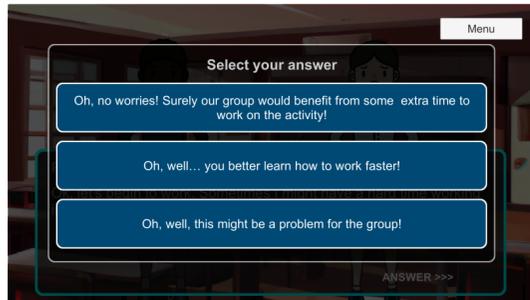




Newsletter 3: Wrapping up - Learning Game and Educational Materials Released!



After three years of interdisciplinary work and collaboration between the consortium partners, the [4StuDi](#) team met June 27th – 29th, 2023 at the University of Cagliari to discuss study results and deliverables, including the website and educational game.

This educational game is one of the intellectual outputs of the project. Our vision was to create an extrinsically motivating framework for students in primary and secondary school to gain a greater understanding of how to interact with fellow students with disabilities in affirming and respectful ways. We wanted the game to be immersive – so students pick an avatar to represent themselves at the beginning of the game, and they feel like they are the ones actually talking to fellow students. In this way, the student carries the weight of responsibility for the feelings and well-being of the students with disabilities they engage in dialogue with. Students will learn how to put themselves in others' perspective and that they have the power within themselves to effectively promote inclusion. The difficulty of the game scenario adapts to how well the player is performing – if the player is doing well situations will become more challenging, and if the player is struggling the difficulty will not rise until they begin to choose correct responses.

Meeting attendees engaged, also, in a discussion about the educational material and learning scenarios, concluding they are characterized by strengths, challenges, and possible future directions. We explored various aspects related to inclusive education, sharing insights and addressing challenges faced in supporting the partners in the various steps of the project. A possible strength is that the teachers will learn how to provide school social support by facilitating the activities in their own classes. The students, in turn, being exposed to the learning experiences, will understand that their teachers and faculty are serious and passionate about creating an inclusive school community.

We are thankful to all our partners for their hard work on this project and are pleased to unveil our final deliverables soon.

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