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AI4AL Newsletter - July 2023



## Welcome to the fascinating world of AI4AL: Artificial Intelligence for Adult Learning

We are happy to share with you what we have done so far since our kick-off meeting in November 2022 and the way ahead for facilitating the mindful adoption of AI in adult learning!

Our first months were dedicated to the creation of a methodology and a tool for direct involvement of adult educators in the process of adopting Al-based technologies.

All of this was done together with adult educators: We created a core group of 10 adult trainers to support us as tutors all along the way, and after summer months, we will start enrolling a total of 100 tutors for the testing of our tools and training programmes.

Are you passionate about the use of emerging technologies in adult learning and want to be part of this groundbreaking initiative? Then <u>take a look at our website</u> for more information, <u>register here to be a</u> <u>part of our mailing list</u> and <u>follow us on LinkedIn</u> to stay in touch for opportunities to get involved.

#### Have a good reading and enjoy the summer!

AI4AL team

# AI4AL PROJECT IN A NUTSHELL

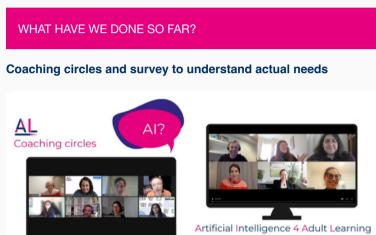
Al4AL is a 2-year Erasmus+ funded project that will run until 31 October 2023 with a <u>project consortium</u> of 7 partners from 6 countries.

We believe AI-based solutions can transform adult learning provision by leading to improved skills assessment and tailor-made learning opportunities.

And that's why our project is focusing on the development of tools for the direct involvement of adult educators in adopting Al-based technologies. We will also offer a self-paced training path for educators on the use of Al technologies in their daily practice.



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The project partners started their work by setting up a methodological framework by collecting insights from adult trainers to develop the project activities based on actual needs and expectations.

As a first step of this, ALL DIGITAL and European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA) organized two coaching circles and a survey in March 2023 with the trainers and educators from their networks to understand their perceptions and visions regarding the use of AI in ALE.

Among the highlights of the exchanges during the coaching circles were:

- advantages of AI in supporting with repetitive and time-consuming tasks

- opportunities it brings in terms of education and training of
- vulnerable and disadvantaged groups
- importance of using AI for everyone's interest free from bias
- Al should not be a substitute for human interaction.

Read more on the coaching circles here!

### Training of tutors: 10 adult trainers become AI ambassadors



Al4AL project partner SkillLab, with the support of EAEA, organised a three-day training of tutors in the Netherlands on 19-21 April. 10 adult educators from Belgium, Germany, Italy, Romania and Spain were identified from the networks of the project partners as tutors. They gathered at SkillLab's new office in the heart of Amsterdam to learn about Al and its use in adult education.

The participants had the opportunity to try out the raw Al4AL matching tool. They were also involved in the development process by collecting insights and feedback. The training participants will be future tutors of 100 adult educators who will be involved in the development and testing of the tool.



"We believe that AI has the potential to change lives, and we are excited to be a part of this project. By using AI to identify skills and provide career guidance, we can help those in need integrate into the labor market and achieve their full potential." Pro Arbeit team

"I am hopeful. I am determined to use AI. We are in a group looking for solutions to different kinds of problems. It is a very good opportunity". Angel, adult trainer from Spain, ALL DIGITAL network

*"I am in the middle (of the learning process) and still have a bit to go. Now I can answer my students' questions (about AI) better than before," Eliana, adult trainer from Italy, EGInA* 

Read more on the training of tutors here!





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One of our key tasks for the coming months is the enrollment of 100 tutors, who would play a crucial role in piloting our project's tools:

- engagement kit, a tool designed to facilitate the use of AI in adult learning

- matching tool, which matches skills to competencies for creating more efficient courses

- training course for adult educators

ded by the European Union. Views and opinion

The enrollment process will be run from September to December 2023 by our core team of 10 tutors, as well as ALL DIGITAL and EAEA networks to represent a diversity of adult trainers. After the enrollment phase, a beta testing period would commence from March to April 2024. The insights gained from the feedback during beta testing would help us improve the tools and enhance the learning experience.

Read more on our last meeting of tutors and future steps here!

### Development of the Al4AL training toolkit

As the engagement kit and matching tool are in progress, we also started the work on the AI4AL training toolkit led by our project partner CPIP - Center for Promoting Lifelong Learning with their significant experience in pedagogy and curriculum development.

Research and development of the AI4AL training toolkit will be based on the needs mapped out by project partners, who are themselves working directly with diverse groups of learners. The outcome training will be self-paced, offering personalization according to learners' needs. It will also enable the validation of skills acquired through the use of micro-credentials.



The Benefits of Artificial Intelligence for Adult Learning



Al: A New Tool for Personalised Adult Learning



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