

MAMED Newsletter



DISSEMINATION OF THE MAMED TRAINING CONCEPT REVALORISATION OF MEDICAL DEVICES

EDITORIAL

Between September 16th and 18th, the partners within the TRAMA Project got together in Barcelona, in order to attend the third and last working meeting under this project.

The agenda included:

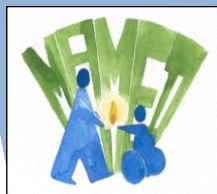
- *an overview on the project;*
- *overview on the partnership's activities carried out, results and outcomes;*
- *detailed presentation and evaluation of progress of partners; and*
- *MAMED – projects and network.*

Given the importance of this meeting, this Newsletter includes a brief presentation of it.

Comments from participants or from other members are more than welcome!

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TRAMA Project

The **meeting in Barcelona** was dedicated to discussing the TRAMA Project and the MAMED Network sustainability perspectives. Starting from the recommendations following the intermediate report, the debates referred to the completion of the project, the documents of the TRAMA Guide, the narrative and financial report and a presentation of the certification process and local procedures in all participating countries.

The members presented their activities and results concerning the training programme. The outcomes of the project and the distribution materials were evaluated.

The network's founding members consider that exchanges of experience among MAMED members should continue; therefore, new projects on exchanges and mobility might be applied for in the short and medium term.

Here are some TRAMA **Project outcomes** that have been presented in Barcelona:

- number of students trained: 211 persons in 8 countries (Turkey, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Germany, Romania, Slovakia, Greece)
- certification of TRAMA training programme obtained in Turkey, Slovakia and Lithuania
- number of trainees who have found a job at the end of the training: 29 (+ 5 trainees are following another internship for which they are paid + 1 person in Slovakia willing to open a MAMED workshop as entrepreneur)

About **perspectives**:

- new MAMED training session will be held: in Turkey, Slovakia
- mobility projects have been submitted, concerning 30 MAMED trainees in Turkey
- partners have presented their application to be certified as training centres, in order to be able to present the certification of MAMED training programme (Poland)
- beginning of a MAMED workshop and/or of an activity of collecting, repairing and redistribution of medical equipments in Slovakia, Portugal, Turkey

MAMED International

The MAMED INTERNATIONAL Association was started in 2007, in order to ensure the continuity of communication among different partners that were involved in one or another of the projects developed by the network. All TRAMA members are invited to become members!

The main goal of the MI is the elaboration and promotion of new projects for developing the MAMED activity in Europe and the entire world. More information on www.mamedical.org.



Up-date: MAMED partners' activities

Handicap et Libertés (France) www.hal.asso.fr

HAL recently were in Galicia, inshore region of western Spain, in order to make a presentation of the MAMED concept to the institutions and the people whose lives are shared with disability and handicapped equipment.

There was not many of them: it was the first time they have met the institutions and the guests from the local partner Handicap America Latina. The sample of activities offered by the institutions was wide: leisure, reeducation, support, financing, etc. These are different sides of the same issue, different perceptions of a complex reality. They were all talking the same language about the difficulties suffered by the disabled people but also by the organizations and institutions which help and support the people. Indeed their area of action and intervention is limited and depends on the local decision-makers. The institutions see the failure of public health system as well.

Our colleagues from HAL were particularly glad to discuss with people fully aware of the issues and willing to go forward. At the end of the meeting, attendees promised to write an evaluation note on the current needs and possible measures to implement in order to improve the daily life and autonomy of the disabled people. This is the first step of a MAMED study.

This type of meeting shows the importance of exchanging ideas, the relevance of broadcasting new concepts aimed at improving the people's quality of life and reducing the public health costs thanks to a better use of the equipments.

This is an encouraging example that they wanted to share with us.

Handicap America Latina (Spain)

The colleagues from Handicap America Latina Spain will give themselves the chance to develop their structure and actively participate in the implementation of the manual concept in Galicia.

They are convinced that they have a long way to go because our society is revolving around consumption of brand new material. Second hand equipment is not yet known and acknowledged; both their institutions and fellow citizens do not consider yet the possibility to do otherwise.

However, important savings could be generated thanks to the purchase of second hand equipment instead of brand new one. New equipments could be put at the disposal of people who are in need. Jobs could be created thanks to a local activity organized by local people.

Yes, long is the road but our colleagues from HAL Spain are convinced that their refund systems for equipments are failing and that it will be difficult to increase their means in the coming years.

Then current resources will have to be better used. One of the measures to be taken is to avoid the waste of material thanks to an adapted use. These measures will help our fellow citizens to be better equipped and to live well.

The cost effectiveness of medical material does not only mean repairing; there are other fields to be studied. This will be done locally, so that their activity answers their needs.

They are already convinced that the implementation of preventive maintenance programs, regular cleaning, strictness in the organization of spare parts inventory and creation of a library with all the functioning and maintenance instructions of the equipments, will help them to act well.

They will do their best to network with all the organizations on the ground as they know the reality of disabled people and elderly people. Together they will put in place simple and realistic actions.



Cyberall-Access (Cyprus) www.cyberall-access.com

Cyberall-Access is one of the MAMED Network members that joined this partnership within the COMMAMED Project. They are interested to become part of International MAMED and to actively participate in decisions as to the network's achievements, in order to develop and consolidate the basis of new developments in services to disabled and aging persons in Cyprus.

Therefore they organised a local conference in Nicosia with the following objectives:

- To promote and spread the MAMED concept of recycling medical equipments, the MAMED workshops' activities of training and economic activities for recycling of medical equipments;*
- To inform and increase awareness among local role-players in the fields of health, vocational and professional trainings and employment, about the MAMED network, its goals and activities, the contents of MAMED trainings and functioning of MAMED workshops;*
- To prepare the basis for future development and implementation of MAMED training sessions in the region.*