

PARTNER **SEARCH** **FORM**

for
Digital Europe Programme (DEP)

- ☒ I offer my expertise to participate as a Partner in a DEP Project
- ☐ I am planning to coordinate a Project and I am looking for Project Partners

TOPICS OF INTEREST

- TOPIC IDs: DIGITAL-2026-SKILLS-10-DIGITAL-HEALTH-STEP; DIGITAL-2026-SKILLS-10-EDTECH
- TOPIC Deadline: 1 October 2026
- Deadline for the expressions of interest:

PARTNER INFORMATION

- **Description of the Legal Entity:**

- Higher Education ☐
- Research Institution ☐
- Public Administration ☐
- Industry / SME ☐
- NGO ☒
- Other: ☐

Please specify: Spanish non-profit association and social, education and training service provider supporting persons with intellectual disabilities, autism and acquired brain injury.

- **Description and expertise of the team:**

Asociación AMICOS is a Spanish non-profit organisation founded in 2000 to improve the quality of life, autonomy and inclusion of persons with disabilities. AMICOS provides comprehensive support in education, social and health-related care, rehabilitation, employment, training, accessibility and community participation, working directly with persons with disabilities, families and professionals.

AMICOS' European Projects team and multidisciplinary service teams combine EU project management with expertise in special education, social care, rehabilitation, employment, training, communication, digital inclusion and accessible methodologies. The organisation contributes to user-needs assessment, co-creation of requirements, safeguarding, inclusive piloting, testing and validation of digital solutions, as well as training, dissemination and exploitation. AMICOS also has experience with AI-enabled innovation, automation, virtual reality, assistive technologies and digital skills, ensuring that accessibility and the participation of persons with disabilities are embedded throughout the project lifecycle.

▪ **Potential role in the project:**

- Technology provider ☐
- Data provider ☐
- Research ☐
- Training ☒
- Dissemination ☒
- Other: ☒

Please specify: End-user engagement and co-creation; needs assessment and user requirements; inclusive piloting and testing; accessibility and usability validation with persons with disabilities; stakeholder engagement; adapted communication and exploitation.

Expertise / competence needed in case of searching for Project Partners: Not applicable - AMICOS is offering its expertise as a project partner.

▪ **Other areas of interest for collaboration:**

AI and advanced digital skills in health and social care; accessible and inclusive digital transformation; assistive technologies; inclusive EdTech and VET; accessibility and usability testing; digital inclusion and employment of persons with disabilities.

▪ **Already experience in EU funded projects as a:**

- Coordinator: ☒ YES ☐ NO
- Partner: ☒ YES ☐ NO

▪ **Project experience and track record:**

- AMICOS has extensive experience in European and nationally funded projects combining disability inclusion, digital innovation, assistive technologies, education and employment.
- ExoAIM (Horizon Europe, 2026–2029): AMICOS leads work on user engagement and the co-creation of requirements, as well as on inclusive implementation and good practices for an innovative assistive exosuit for children with mobility impairments. Its role includes direct engagement with children, families, professionals and other stakeholders, and future end-user piloting, validation and assessment of the technology in real-life contexts.
- ALL4JOBS (Erasmus+) strengthens the skills and employment opportunities of young people with disabilities or in vulnerable situations through digital innovation and the introduction of emerging technologies. Disability Technology Education (Erasmus+) developed a virtual-reality application adapted to persons with intellectual disabilities and promoted the use of ICT and digital tools in inclusive education.
- Inclusive-Paths (Erasmus+, 2025–2028) addresses the transition of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities from secondary to post-secondary and adult education. Among its key outputs is “Pathways Explorers”, an interactive 3D online learning game, together with capacity-building and awareness-raising resources for educators, families and support networks.
- AMICOS is also implementing AMI4CEI, co-funded by the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) through the EFESO programme and CEPES. The project combines inclusive employment pathways with pioneering ICT solutions, including Artificial Intelligence, the development of digital tools for AMICOS' employment services and talent-management software integrated into the organisation's website.
- Beyond individual projects, digital transformation is a strategic priority for the organisation. Through the AMICOS Digital Ecosystem, the organisation is implementing automation, Artificial Intelligence and digital solutions to improve internal management,

stakeholder engagement and communication with members, volunteers and ambassadors. This institutional digital-transformation capacity is further reinforced by significant public investment from the Xunta de Galicia aimed at modernising AMICOS' technological infrastructure and digitally transforming care and support services.

- AMICOS also connects technological innovation with environmental and social innovation. Through LAB-MAR, persons with intellectual disabilities are trained in prototyping and 3D-printing technologies to transform recycled marine plastic into useful products, linking digital fabrication, circular economy, marine protection and inclusive employment.

In addition to this technology-oriented track record, AMICOS has solid experience in coordinating and implementing European cooperation projects. It coordinates MUSE (Erasmus+ KA210-VET), focused on strengthening the skills of professionals working in the care sector, and coordinated INC-LEISURE (Erasmus+), which developed participatory approaches to inclusive learning in non-formal educational spaces. AMICOS has also participated in DiscoverEU inclusion actions and other Erasmus+ school-education, youth and vocational education initiatives.

Overall, AMICOS has experience across Horizon Europe, Interreg Atlantic Area, Erasmus+, CERV, the European Solidarity Corps, ESF+ and other European and national funding programmes. The organisation covers the full project cycle, from needs assessment, co-design and end-user engagement to implementation, piloting, communication, stakeholder mobilisation, monitoring and reporting, with particular expertise in ensuring that technological and social innovations are accessible, inclusive and grounded in the real needs of persons with disabilities.

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