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DDS-MAP project advisory board emphasizes the localisation of training and accreditation to upskill medical and allied healthcare professionals

19th of November 2024 the DDS-MAP project consortium partners met the advisory board members online to share the key milestones of project activities and results achieved. The meeting was chaired by Willie Donnelly, Head of Research, Technological Higher Education Association.

After a series of short presentation by respective work package lead partners, the advisory board members shared some valuable insights in relation to the key project results.

- The initial survey results identified a digital skill gap that paved the way in developing the training curriculum that reflects the needs of medical and allied professionals.
- For the translation and testing of the training modules the members emphasised on the adaptation as per the local/country context. More importance should be given to in emerging skills need such as cyber security preparedness, mental well-being, recognition of skills etc.
- As the accreditation of the training is a key part of the project mainly in the pan-European context, the board highlighted the importance of developing local/regional strategies to make sure that the universities keep investing in the curriculum in line with technological advancements in the healthcare sector.
- The Virtual reality scenarios (digital twin of a care delivery facility and training modules) developed by Walton institute demonstrated that learner's engagement and effectiveness of the training increases when VR technologies are used.
- The board also highlighted the strategies to widen the reach of the project by extending collaboration with professional associations and quality recognition agencies.

Members of the advisory board -

- Professor Willie Donnelly (Head of Research, Technological Higher Education Association. (Chair of the board).
- Professor Dianne Cooney Miner (Director, Golisano Institute for Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, USA).
- Dr Patricia Gatlin (Dean School of Nursing, St John Fisher University, USA).
- Loretto Baron, (National Clinical Information Officer Nursing and Midwifery, HSE Ireland).
- Dr. Branko Gabrovec (General Director of the National Institute of Public Health in Slovenia).
- Professor Steve MacFeely, (Director of data analytics at the WHO).
- Karolina Mackiewicz (Innovation Director at European Connected Health Alliance).
- Steve MacFeely (Chief Statistician and Director of the Statistics and Data Directorate, OECD)

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