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PROJECT ACRONYM AND TITLE: Capito! Compris! Understood! Verstanden!

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HOST DEPARTMENT/CENTRE: Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies

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PROJECT SUMMARY:

More than half of the adult population is facing texts that are too complex for them to understand on a regular basis. They need information to be provided in an easier, more accessible way. The reasons for this need range from mental disabilities or learning difficulties to not being a native speaker. However, information is key. The current Covid-19 pandemic shows very well how important it is that everyone can perceive and understand information. We need information to fully participate in society, to know our rights and duties, to make our own decisions - in short, to live a self-determined life. That is why we need to make information more accessible and easier to understand, for instance by using easy-to-read language or by making sure that a digital service is accessible. *capito* developed an easy-to-read model for the German language with three different language levels, as unique within the easy-to-read context as *capito*'s level of digitalisation.

This project wants to contribute to a more inclusive society by transferring *capito*'s easy-to-read model to English, Italian and French. We will use the transferred model to improve easy-to-read and accessibility trainings for adults.

For the German language, there are *capito*'s extensive, well researched and well tested criteria regarding accessible information and easy-to-read language. The criteria help tailor the information to different areas - such as public information, health information or private business communications - as well as to the target groups by providing rules for three different language levels (A1, A2 and B1). *capito* furthermore offers

trainings for adults in easy-to-read and accessible information all across the German speaking area. This project is going to linguistically transfer the easy-to-read criteria to English, French and Italian, taking into account the languages' and language groups' characteristics and needs. The scientific part will be done by linguists, while the criteria will be tested by professionals in the field of accessible information. They will produce texts according to the criteria and have the texts checked by people representing possible target groups. This might be people with disabilities or non-native speakers. The easy-to-read criteria will serve as a basis for accessibility guidelines in English, French and Italian. They will be openly accessible and designed to be used in trainings for adults on accessible information as well as for everyday use to help people implement accessible communication a bit more every day.

A digital toolkit for adults' training in the field of accessible communication will also be produced. The toolkit will comprise four to five tools for the trainers to design their workshops, lessons and trainings in a more effective, engaging way. Furthermore, the project aims to produce a curriculum for training people who need easy-to-read information to become co-trainers. This might be, among others, people with intellectual disabilities, learning difficulties, non-native speakers, bilinguals or people with mental disorders. The curriculum will enable organisations to design trainings for people with fewer opportunities and include them in their easy-to-read trainings as co-trainers. The sharing of their experiences and challenges will be a real added value to those trainings.

Planned Start date	Planned End date
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PARTNERSHIP:

	Organisation name	Country	Role
1	atempo Betriebsgesellschaft mbH	Austria	Applicant
2	Associazione Red Carpet For All APS	Italy	Partner
3	Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia	Italy	Partner
4	Com'access	France	Partner
5	Inclusion Ireland - National Association for People with an Intellectual Disability	Ireland	Partner
6	Labena GmbH	Switzerland	Partner
7	Universitaet Graz	Austria	Partner
8	Universite de Fribourg	Switzerland	Partner

Project details: <https://www.capito.eu/en/capito-goes-international/>