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LAUNCH OF THE SMILE PROJECT WEBSITE

Barcelona, 22-06-2021// eucen announces the official launch of the SMILE project website [http://smile.eucen.eu/](http://smile.eucen.eu)

eucen, on behalf of the SMILE project consortium, is happy to announce the launch of the SMILE project website.

SMILE is a project co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme under KA3 – Social inclusion and common values, aiming to promote inclusive education by developing, testing and implementing innovative tools that improve the way higher education institutions deal with diversity and social inclusion. The project focuses on three main areas of inequality and disadvantage in higher education: migrant background, women leadership, and low socio-economic status. 6 European universities from Germany, Ireland, Italy, Finland, Malta and Romania, as well as 4 civil society organisations from Belgium and Spain will collaborate within the SMILE project, coordinated by **eucen**. A list of the partners is available on [this page](#).

The project website addresses higher education staff and both students and potential students who are disadvantaged in various ways. Besides providing a comprehensive [overview of the project aims and phases](#), it gives access to all the tools which will be developed by the project consortium. These will include an [audit model](#) that allows universities to self-reflect on how they are addressing diversity, [CPD courses](#) that enable university staff to tackle the above-mentioned inequalities, [policy recommendations](#) for institutional leaders and policy makers and a large variety of [resources](#) about the project's topics.

Project news will regularly be published on **eucen**'s "Inclusion Europe" social media channels, such as the [Facebook page](#), the [LinkedIn group](#) and the [twitter account](#). The [newsletter](#) will also feature updates about the project's progress.

For any questions or comments regarding Smile, please contact the Smile project coordinators as suggested on the [contact page](#).

Notes to the editors

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