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The PULSE2.0 project as a continuation of an **earlier successful initiative**, reinforces and facilitates language and communication competences relevant to the medical workplace in order to improve employability and enhance European competitiveness of nurses in mobility.

Nursing is a profession within the health care sector focused on the care of individuals, families, and communities so they may attain, maintain, or recover optimal health and quality of life. With PULSE2.0 we'd like to support these professionals in their everyday working life. Therefore, please read on and see how we want to achieve this.

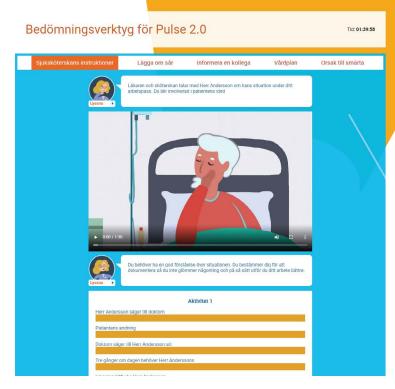
#### Brief recap about our achievements so far

Since the beginning of the project, which almost coincided with the beginning of the COVID19, partners, despite the imposed restrictions have been working devotedly online and were developing the foreseen outputs of the project. We'd like to briefly review what has been accomplished so far:



1. A **research study** was completed which provides clear picture of language, communication and intercultural competencies needed by foreign nursing assistants and caregivers, existing models applied in the training and assessment of healthcare assisting staff, and specific work situations for which their language and communication knowledge and skills should be developed or reinforced.

2. **Methodology for assessment** of workplace language and communication for nursing assistants and caregivers.



3. Assessment tool designed to measure language proficiency in Swedish, Italian and German as foreign languages in an occupational context, more specifically in the healthcare sector related to the professions of nursing assistant and caregiver.

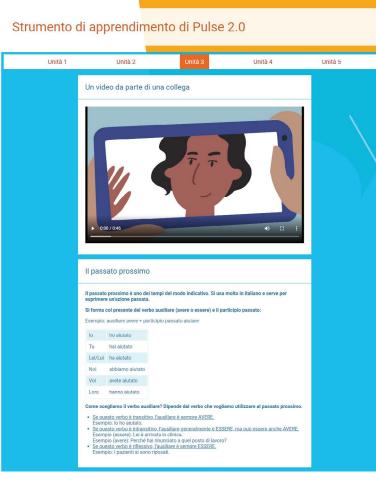
The tool is related to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). The level of proficiency corresponds to the level B1.

These are all ready and available on the project **website**.

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In addition to the above. the core instrument of the project is being finalized, which is the Learning tool. The tool contains a set of e-learning materials for nursing assistants and caregivers to reach or practice linguistic and communication competences in Swedish/Italian/German (CEFR B1) in order to carry out dedicated communicative tasks in a clinical and residential setting. It is designed to be used as part of a VET training, or as self-training as a preparation for the previously mentioned assessment tests

All these materials are scenario based, meaning they can easily happen within the life of the nurses and/or caregivers who are in mobility, which we hope, will add to the nurses', learners motivation.

The innovative part of the project is, that language assessment of nursing assistants and caregivers is not yet available, but it does represent a real

need for nursing assistants and caregivers themselves as well as for all the other entities who work together with them.

## Second face-to face meeting has been held in Vienna

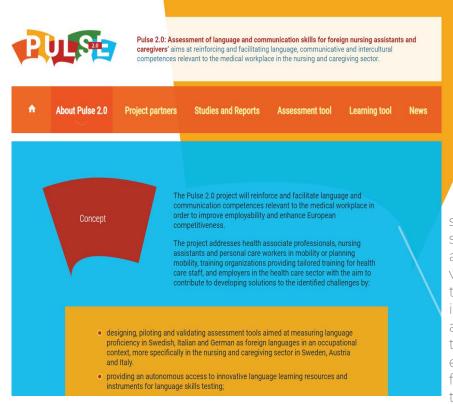
At the beginning of November, partners could hold the 2nd and also final face-to-face meeting of the project in Vienna, where the Assessment tool alongside the Learning tools' final improvements were discussed. Administrative issues as well as the exploitation possibilities of the project results were also deliberated. Plans for the practical (piloting and multiplier) events were set.

## What comes next...

As it happens with all the developments, the piloting sessions are being implemented within the partner countries in the upcoming period. Each partner organization will organize, according to their COVID19 restriction possibilities, face-to-face or online sessions with nurses and caregivers in order to get their feedback on the project achievements. Should you be interested, please follow us on our **FB page** or visit our **website** for more details.



Moreover, partners are also planning to spread the word about the project and its outcomes on a larger scale within the Multiplier events, where the Pulse 2.0 products will be presented and



demonstrated. The target audience for these events are made up by mobile health (associate) professionals, stakeholders at local, regional and national level such as: organisations that are involved in training and/or employing nursing and healthcare staff, regional and national authorities with responsibility for nursing and caregiving sector, public and private nursing and health care institutions. vocational schools and universities, as well as organization dealing with integration issues, social and welfare organisations are all to have representatives at these events and will be invited to further spread the word about the project.

All these events are free of charge and you are more than welcome to join!

In the meantime, don't forget to follow us on our FB or website.

#### Partners who are working together on the project:

- CFL Söderhamn, Sweden
- Inthecity Project Developtment, The Netherlands
- University for Foreigners of Siena International University, Italy
- Spektrum Educational Center Foundation, Romania
- "die Berater" Unternehmensberatung GmbH, Austria