



MAMED Newsletter



DISSEMINATION OF THE MAMED TRAINING CONCEPT REVALORISATION OF MEDICAL DEVICES



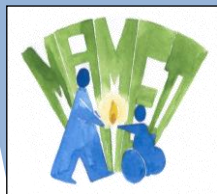
EDITORIAL

We are delighted with the way these two MAMED conference days took place on last June's 29th and 30th, in Paris. More than just making it possible for all partners to introduce their activities, this conference gave us the opportunity to get to know each other better (during and after work sessions), and to establish more concrete connections with the network members.

This conference allowed MAMED founder members, TRAMA partner organizations and MAMED new partners to share their experience regarding the various actions they carry out in their respective country, to introduce their future projects and to exchange ideas on the various trainings realized in several countries, the difficulties faced by some and the expectations of others. Finally, the conferences organized on Tuesday allowed us to understand the various stakes of a European-scaled certification, to discover how biomedical equipment can benefit to developing countries and to know better the medical equipment re-use action carried out by the Emmaüs movement.

In the hopes that this satisfaction feeling is shared, and looking forward to seeing you again as soon as possible!

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Up-date: MAMED partners activities

Handicap et Libertés (France) www.hal.asso.fr

On the 27th of June, Handicap & Libertés held an open day at its medical equipment workshop in Vitry, and managed thereby to meet many people and to raise thousands of passersby's awareness of handicap.

Under the shining sun, bystanders could stop their walk to listen to traditional music, performed by the singers of Canta LatinoAmerica, a Latin-American choir, along with a Provençal group of singers. Besides, in order to increase people's awareness of handicap, several activities were organized, such as a simulation exercise where children could try to sit and drive a wheelchair. Thanks to this (recreational or entertaining) experience, these children could have assessed how difficult it is to go around the streets in a wheelchair, due to the lack of accessibility. Then, thanks to the distribution of booklets and the workshop discovery, the visitors had the opportunity to appreciate the work and the objectives of Handicap & Libertés. The open day ended in a warm atmosphere, visitors and volunteers gathered around a cocktail, discussing about this enriching day.



AURELIE (Belgium) www.resasbl.bl

Our colleagues at Aurelie are still in stand-by with their workshop project. They conducted an interesting presentation (including their direct partner in Lithuania, SOPA) at the conference held in Paris at the end of June 2009.



Consorzio Sociale Abele Lavoro (Italy) www.gruppoabele.org

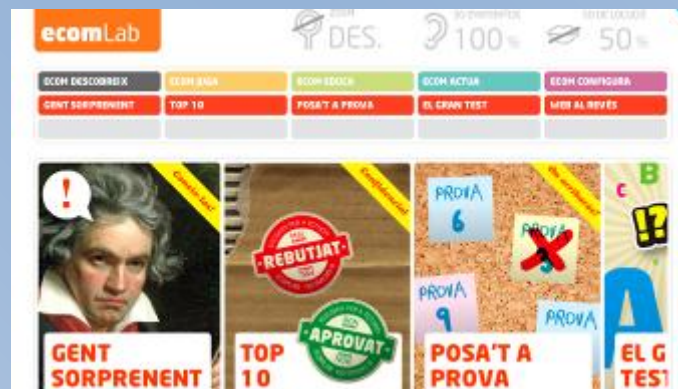
During last year, Consorzio Sociale Abele Lavoro has intensified the quality of its work in the framework of MAMED activities. In fact, it has multiplied the formal agreements with the Piedmont Sanitarian Institutions for the collection and the reuse of the medical equipments disused by the hospitals.

Moreover, they have been able to establish a fruitful partnership with one of the most important Italian NGO, named Emergency, that works in war contexts creating emergency surgical hospitals and thanks to this cooperation 30 hospital beds have reached Kabul.

From July 2008 until July 2009 they have sent more or less 200 medical devices such as hospital beds, wheelchairs and other disused medical equipments, in particular in Togo, Angola Afghanistan, Senegal, Romania and Albania.

They are trying to develop MAMED Project and their activities linked to this project searching for new horizons.

The COMMAMED meeting in Paris in June 29th and 30th has represented for Consorzio Sociale Abele Lavoro an important opportunity in order to share the experiences with the other MAMED partners and to meet the new entries in TRAMA and COMMAMED projects.



Federacion ECOM (Spain) www.ecom.es

ECOM has recently created a new tool to produce awareness among young people and children, **Ecomlab**, an educational web portal is mind to play, experiment and learn. It can be accessed through the electronic address www.ecomlab.cat.

Conceived as an interactive game, **Ecomlab** allows young and children to prove their skills in different situations. In addition to entertain, make them to know and think about reality of persons with disabilities. **Ecomlab** is also offered to teachers and parents, who will find a big range of teaching resources to educate on values such as diversity or solidarity.

Thought for its use mainly at school **Ecomlab** may also be useful at home. **Ecomlab** is divided in **ECOMdiscovers**, with different activities ('on line' or without computer), **ECOMplays**, interactive games as basketball in wheelchair or boccia, and **ECOMeducate**, with documents and didactic materials for teachers and parents who want to get deeper in the different thematic that each section introduces.

Ecomlab approaches disabled people to society and shows as the incapacity disappears when the surroundings are adapted and thought for all.

In addition, **Ecomlab** has been designed with a sailing system that allows to be used by people with different (in)capacities and can be personalized in **ECOMconfiguration** following the preferences and according to the needs of each participant.



GRETA-GITA (France)

www.gita.greta.fr

The colleagues from GRETA-GITA organised the members' conference in Paris; they were wonderful hosts for everybody.

TERRE (Belgium) www.terre.be

The TERRE representatives are interested in cooperating with other members of the MAMED network and in this respect their presentation at the conference in June was very interesting and inspiring.

ARCIL (Portugal) www.arcil.org

The training is still ongoing (attached see a photo of the group that is to attend the training), nine students to attend it.

ARCIL held on Thursday, 16th July, 2009 a meeting to disseminate the project involving all partners of this project and possibly some entities interested in MAMED. At that meeting ARCIL signed a cooperation protocol with the partner Center for Medical Rehabilitation of the Central Region - Rovisco Pais (CMRRC - Rovisco Pais) and soon want to do the same with other partners.



Bildungswerk des Alzeyerund Wormser Handwerks (Germany)

<http://www.bildungswerk-handwerk.de>

After finishing the formation they visited again their partners who had offered the possibility for an internship to their participants. The aim was to get detailed information about their view of the BILDUNGSWERK formation. Naturally they also continued to acquire jobs for the participants. But most of their time was spent on the redaction of reports, lists and other administrative tasks.

Motivation Romania Foundation (Romania) www.motivation.ro

During the last several weeks, Motivation was in process of getting back and processing questionnaires from trainers, trainees and practical training places. Periodically they up-date their website with MAMED information. As for the trainees with disabilities, they continue to search jobs for them.



Kahramanmaras Mesleki Eğitim Merkezi (Turkey)

www.ahiturk.com/en/default.asp

A TV programme has been televised on 30/06/2009 on AKSU TV about MAMED and the activities of their school.

The administrators, the project team, TRAMA trainers and TRAMA trainees were present in the programme. The situation of MAMED on the international level and the applications in Turkey were reported.

In addition, a press conference was held on 02/07/2009 about the COMMAMED.

Technical University of Kosice (Slovakia) www.tuke.sk

Technical University of Kosice achieved a great progress towards acceptance of the MAMED concept, and that is a successful approving of Accreditation of the MAMED concept in a full extent for the legal period of 5 years according to Slovak Republic laws by the Ministry of Education. It means, that all modules – Networking, Administrative, Biomedical, Mechanical and Internship can be thought at the University as a life-long learning education.

The course is designed for the High School or Vocational School graduates, as well as University graduates, who want to establish their own business in the medical sector in the area of repairing, recycling or renewing the medical material or work there. After successful completion of the course, graduates obtain a State Certificate with a national and life-validity.

Concerning actual TRAMA project activities in progress, most of the Technical University of Kosice's students have finished their internship at the selected companies. After completion of all students' internships, the complex evaluation process will be concluded. Then, our training centre will organize the ceremony of delivering MAMED diplomas.

LFOON-SW (Poland) www.lfoon.lublin.pl

The LFOON-SW representatives impressed everybody who attended the members' conference in June 2009 with the fact that they were able to organise all the training sessions in a very short term and with very good results.

Handicap America Latina (Spain)

The colleagues from Handicap America Latina Spain had a consistent input in the members' conference in June 2009, describing their programmes and projects in the field of social and professional insertion of disabled persons in Spain and abroad.