

Milestone Guidelines for Inclusive-Digital-Education Platforms of AEDU project, by DAISSy-HOU



The DAISSy Research Group of the Hellenic Open University (HOU), the academic Greek partner of the "Accessible Digital Education (AEDU)" European

project, announces the publication of the deliverable entitled "**Guidelines for Inclusive Digital Education Platforms**", that regards a comprehensive framework of guidelines for creating and upgrading digital educational platforms that meet the needs of all learners, including individuals with learning difficulties.

This is a milestone deliverable of the AEDU project, which is based on an extensive literature review, an analysis of commercial educational platforms, and findings from primary field research conducted with adult trainers and individuals with learning difficulties across three (3) European countries, namely Belgium, Serbia, and Greece.

Specifically, the **Guidelines for Inclusive Digital Education Platforms** provide:

- **Design principles** for accessible digital platforms based on WCAG 2.1 and UDL (Universal Design for Learning) standards.
- **Specific technical and pedagogical recommendations** to support learners with dyslexia, ADHD, dyscalculia, and other learning difficulties.
- **Practical evaluation tools** for organizations and platform designers wishing to assess the degree of inclusiveness of their digital environments.
- **Examples of good practices** from existing platforms and educational tools at a European level.
- **Policy recommendations** for policymakers and educational institutions regarding the institutionalization of inclusive digital education standards.

All above Guidelines are addressed to:

- **Designers and developers** of educational platforms and applications
- **Educational organizations and institutions** wishing to upgrade their digital tools
- **Adult trainers and professionals** in the field of special education
- **Educational policymakers** at national and European levels
- **Service providers** for persons with disabilities (PwDs)

It is noteworthy, that the set of the **Guidelines for Inclusive Digital Education Platforms** is available **free of charge** through the open-access repository of the AEDU project and its official website <https://ad-edu.eu/results/>. Its availability aligns with the principles of Open Science and the Erasmus+ open access policy.

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↪ For more information about the **AEDU** project, you can visit its website at: <https://ad-edu.eu/>.



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