



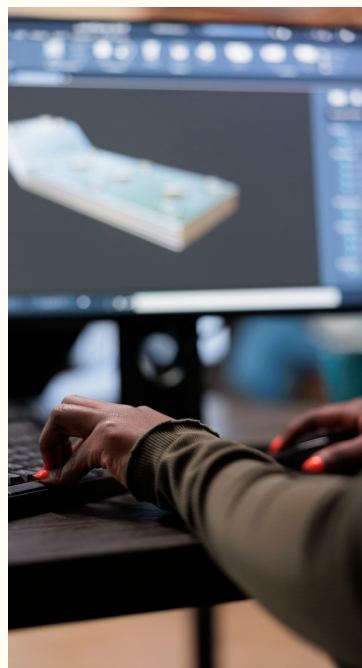
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BACK2BASICS: THE PROJECT



MEET THE PROJECT

The "Back2Basics" project, coordinated by University of Aveiro, in Portugal, aims to bring the higher education (HE) system closer to the needs of the labor market, through the improvement of digital skills, both for teachers and students.

With this project, partners intend to demonstrate a potential approach to create an actual change in HE systems, turning them more modern and in-line with the needs of the labor market, by including digital tasks and tools in regular HE teaching/learning practice.

Also, this project aims to help the HE graduates to feel more ready and confident in their skills and knowledge to enter the labor market.

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UNIVERSITY OF AVEIRO

The UA - UNIVERSITY OF AVEIRO team (Portugal) has a vast experience in the development of inclusive educational materials and in the assessment its scientific, pedagogical and design quality. Information and Communications Technology (ICT) use is deeply rooted in UA team members who teach subjects around digital media (analysis, design, development, validation).

Within this project, University of Aveiro team is responsible for Project Result (PR) 1 - developing Training material: digital skills for the labor market (HE teachers); and PR4 - developing a handbook addressing online security and safety.

GABINETE DE RECOLOCACIÓN INDUSTRIAL

GRI - GABINETE DE RECOLOCACIÓN INDUSTRIAL (Spain) is a Human Resources and Management Consultancy specialised in Employment, Training and Outplacement with more than 15 years of experience.

GRI has more than 20 training classrooms throughout the national territory in which they offer training in collaboration with the Public Administration, intersectoral training plans for employed workers and private and subsidized training.

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UNIVERSITY OF MACEDONIA

The University of Macedonia is the second and relatively younger University in the city of Thessaloniki, Greece.

One of its research projects is called "SMILE lab", which is an incubator of Open Innovative Mobile Learning Technologies, Pedagogies, Interventions, Applications, Resources, and Environments aiming at increasing the learners' learning, knowledge, motivation, and 21st-century skills.

This demands a broad range of expertise across Education, Information & Communications Technologies (ICT), Media, Foreign Languages, and Psychology.

ASSOCIAÇÃO BIOLIVING

BIOLIVING is an award-winning non-profit NGO, whose motto is "Nature and Education for All". Its main goals are promoting sustainability through the engagement in environmental citizenship and public participation for the protection of nature, while boosting the social economy and fostering inclusion, peace and solidarity, through education and nature conservation.

Within the Back2Basics project, BioLiving is representing the third sector as an employer.

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1ST PARTNER'S MEETING

The 1st Partner's Meeting of Back2Basics project was held in February 2022, in Valladolid, Spain, and hosted by GRI Gabinete de Recolocación Industrial.

Online or physically, all the partners discussed the project, its objectives and what the next steps are! It was a very fruitful meeting and we are now working on making this project a success.



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PROJECT RESULTS

The project will end in 2024 and, until then, it is intended to:

- organize two training courses for university professors and students and events for the dissemination of results;
- produce informative and educational guides and videos for students and teachers;
- implement a pilot program at the two partner universities of the project, where HE teachers will implement more digitally-based teaching techniques.



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