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**Supporting People Affected by Cancer in their Social and Professional Life (SPAC)**

# Report on Learning through Social Media/Networks about Living and Working with Cancer in Partner Countries

## Abstract

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There are only few diseases in the world that have such a strong psychosocial impact as cancer. Some of the key points in coping with cancer are one's state of mind, positive attitude to fight on, and social support. At the same time, the insecurity, difficult decisions or treatment are a serious problem and a challenge for cancer both patients and those close to them.

The target of the SPAC project is to empower the people with cancer and people working with/for persons with cancer to be more confident, financially independent and appreciated by their family and community and to find a way to involve them in social life.

The project aims to raise awareness among adult learners on how the Internet and social media/networks can help to increase their chances on integrating back into the society. It will provide them with new skills and competencies that will contribute to their professional and personal development.

The *Report on Learning through Social Media/Networks about living and working with cancer in partner countries* is focused on questions such as: *To what extent do the target groups use social media and networks to find information about cancer? What are their expectations and how do they meet the real options? What is the level of trust towards social media and online learning environments?*

The report focuses on the following target groups: Cancer patients, psychologists, caregivers, employers, medical staff, social workers and volunteers. It was written thanks to the cooperation of partner organizations from Romania, Czech Republic, Italy and Turkey. It consists of general information about the situation regarding the use of the Internet and social media in partner countries, as well as the occurrence of cancer. The information was compared with the results of a questionnaire survey conducted with almost 100 members of the target groups regarding their experience and expectations in the use/learning via the Internet and searching for information about cancer. More specific interviews to widen the issue are also available in the chapter Learning Discussion.

The Introductory chapter and the results of the research and survey have been translated into *all national languages of all partner countries*. If you wish to read the entire report, it is available in English. If you have any questions regarding the Report, please contact:

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