Domus Ludens

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Dear Domus Ludens- supporters, dear readers,

A lot has happened since the official launch of the Domus Ludens- project in January 2021. Currently, the international initiative is strengthen the right to play of children and youth growing up in the residential care system, is in the hot phase. Over the past few months the Domus Ludens- partners from Catalonia, Poland and Germany have worked intensively together. Together we developed the theoretical foundations of the project, held living documents, trained colleagues and, above all, overcame many obstacles. It has been a long road to get here, also because of the challenges posed by the pandemic. We are very proud that we can now get started in all residential care centres around Europe!

Internationale ludic agents in the making

A particular challenge in international projects is the transfer and dissemination of knowledge in the respective national contexts, languages, routines and structures. Under the professional guidance of the games cooperative La Juganera, we designed a training that inspires and sensitizes social pedagogues for the topic „right to play" and the use of board games in residential care.

In sessions lasting several days, we played games together, learned how to teach games in the best possible way and exchanged ideas and ideas for possible barriers. During the national training sessions, we passed on our knowledge to our colleagues and trained them to become Domus Ludens- ludic agents. How did they like it? Read for yourself!

> „What I particularly liked was the selection of so many diverse games. There was something for everyone. I learned that with the right instruction and a little practice, it is very easy for children in an institutional private to play."
>
> **Lunga residential group, Hamburg, Germany**

> „The training was great! The contents and games were explained in the truest sense of the word „playfully". The project is an enrichment. I think it is important that we as educators in Domus Ludens offer a chance to rediscover, practice and forget the struggles of everyday life. Our children and young people should also experience a part of age- and even those who are creative! about politics, have been infected by the Domus Ludens game fever."
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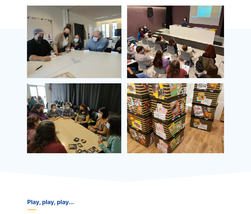
> **Lübeck residential group, Germany**



Play, play, play...

Over the upcoming eight months, all participating children and youth will play under the guidance of their Domus Ludens- ludic agents. In order to find out whether the weekly games affect the young citizens well-being, scientists from the University of Girona regularly survey all participants (supervisors and clients) and their experiences. The Domus Ludens- project will be continuously monitored scientifically and all data from three European countries will be comprehensively evaluated. We are excited about the results and look forward to the upcoming months full of fun, exciting games and interesting insights. Of course, we will keep you up to date!

Who are we?

Domus Ludens consists of five competent partners who are active in three European countries Spain, Germany and Poland. We bring valuable expertise in four main fields: 1) participants' life situations and youth, 2) practical development of board games, 3) scientific evaluation of projects in the educational- and child care fields as well as 4) long term know-how in the implementation of Erasmus+ funded projects. The following organizations are involved:

Fundacio Resilis

is a social Catalan organization. Its main mission is the management and development of projects, programs and services for children and youth living in situations at risk of social exclusion. Fundació Resilis manages residential centres for children and young people, including support for families and with a community based approach.
https://www.plataformadeeducacioinfantil.cat/portfolio-item/fundacio-resilis/

FÜR SOZIALES

is part of a big children and youth welfare organization, the SAG gemeinnützige Gesellschaft für Soziales mbH that has more than 40 years of experience in children and youth care. FÜR SOZIALES provides services for approximately 600 children and youths in 40 facilities as well as in foster family settings, within mostly different forms of outpatient flexible care settings. In addition, FÜR SOZIALES offers a differentiated range of services like socio-educational family assistance, consulting and training in the field of domestic violence and stalking as well as practice-oriented offers within the framework of integration assistance.
https://www.fuersoziales.de/

Fundacja Samodzielni Robinsonowie

is a polish youth-focused, non-profit organization established in 2014 that supports young people on the road to adulthood. Fundacja Samodzielni Robinsonowie develops and directs programs aimed at young people from different institutions and foster homes, to help them make a successful transition from institutional care to an independent living.
https://www.fundacjarobinsonowie.pl/

Liberi (University of Girona)

is a children, youth and community research group, led by Dr. Carme Montserrat and Dr Pere Soler. It is part of the educational research institute (IRE) of the Universitat de Girona (Catalonia, Spain). The work and actions of Liberi focuses on children and youth policies as well as the vulnerability of children and youth. Furthermore they explore the role of community and how the latter can make the deployment of specific public policies possible.
www.udg.edu/liberi

La Juganera

is a non-profit cooperative, specialized in board games. Promoting the culture of gaming as a healthy leisure- as well as educational activity. Founded in 2012 in Barcelona, La Juganera offers a store as well as an online board game store, where they provide training on game based Learning. Despite that, La Juganera develops and creates games themselves.
https://lajuganera.coop/

Therefore the Domus Ludens project develops three core documents*:

- a very practical „Board Game Guidelines"
- a comprehensive „Manual for future ludic agents"
- an extensive „scientific evaluation"

* All core documents can be found on the official Domus Ludens website: domusludens-project.com

Domus Ludens and the European idea

The Domus Ludens- project can only be realized through the financial support of the European Erasmus+ program. As a European initiative, we feel highly connected to the European idea and understand it as our core task to promote tolerance, diversity and intercultural exchange through our projects. We would like to thank the European Union for the funding and the associated trust!

Timeline

September 2021
International training "Trainers-Training"

October 2021
National "Ludic Agents – Training"

November 2021
Official start of the implementation in the residential care centres.

December 2021
Christmas break

Spring 2022
Transnational Meeting, Hamburg Germany

June 2022
End of the practical implementation phase

July 2022
Final evaluation of all the results from the pilot

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