



Dear Domus Ludens supporters,

In the past eight months, board games were played in numerous children's and youth care centres in Spain, Germany and Poland, weekly. With the beginning of the big summer break, the active pilot phase of the Domus Ludens project has come to an end. It is already clear that the regular game sessions had a great impact on everyday life in the residential groups. New board games were tried out together, social contacts were established or existing relationships were intensified. In this context, we would like to express our gratitude to all Domus Ludens ludic agents and pedagogical staff who have continuously and actively supported our project. At the same time we are very happy about the commitment and positive feedback of the participating youngsters. On July 7, we celebrated a colourful closing party in Hamburg, where playing was a natural part of the event. We had a wonderful day, with games, fun and culinary highlights.



First interim results from research

A core component of Domus Ludens lies in the scientific evaluation of the European initiative. At the current time, some initial results are available, which will be comprehensively complemented by the final research report in the fall of 2022. Below you find a small excerpt from the survey conducted prior to project implementation (results from the so-called pretests):

- The participants consisted of 58% „female“ and 38% „male“ youngsters. 2% of all participants assigned themselves to the answer option „diverse“. In our opinion, this result reflects the contemporary and necessary discussion of different gender identities. This is a development that all project partners welcomed.
- Interesting gender differences also emerge within the category „confidence“. Female participants have a much lower level of trust in other people than male participants. We are curious to see how these results turn out after the project implementation.
- To the question of what keeps the young people from playing regularly, youngsters cited reasons such as „learning the rules of the game“ or a lack of „self-motivation.“ We hope that our project was able to positively counteract these obstacles. More on this soon!

World Play Day 2022- together we strengthen the „Right to Play!“

The annual „World Play Day to strengthen the right to play and leisure“ happens every year on May 28. Partners agreed on organizing special activities aimed to raise awareness of the children's right to play and disseminating the project to the local community. Everywhere, in Girona, Hamburg and Warsaw extensive gaming sessions and playful activities have taken place: games competitions, championships among the centers, outdoor activities and special meals. See for yourself...

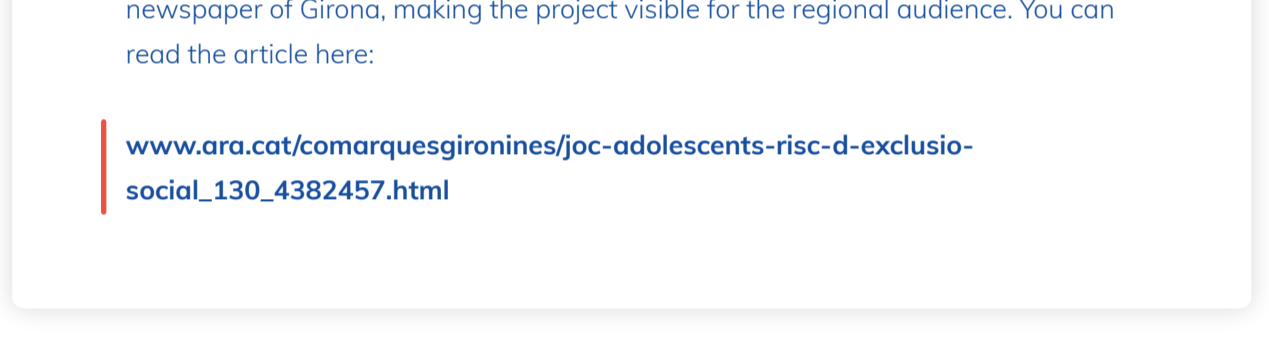
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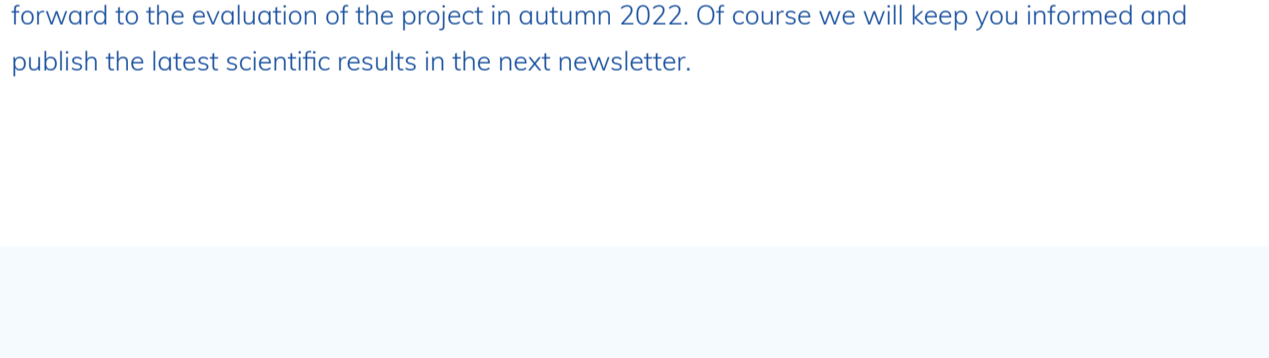


Moreover, the Domus Ludens Project was in press! An article was published by the newspaper of Girona, making the project visible for the regional audience. You can read the article here:

www.ara.cat/comarquesgironines/joc-adolescents-risc-d-exclusio-social_130_4382457.html

Domus Ludens – International project meeting

Finally the time had come: After many months of complicated planning and many cancellations due to the Covid19- pandemic, the international Domus Ludens project team met, almost completely, in Hamburg, Germany. Again we had to realize that nothing beats personal contact and lively discussions. In addition to the project-relevant content, there was once again an opportunity for direct exchange and international understanding, in keeping with the Erasmus+ philosophy.



International fundraising successes

The purchase of the many board games has presented financial challenges to all organizations. In addition to the Erasmus+ funding, we were very fortunate that some companies generously supported us. We would like to thank all donors for their commitment to this important cause!

Outlook for the months ahead

With the start of the summer vacations, the hot evaluation phase of Domus Ludens begins. In the coming weeks, the data collected from all participants will be evaluated and analyzed. We are looking forward to the evaluation of the project in autumn 2022. Of course we will keep you informed and publish the latest scientific results in the next newsletter.

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!

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

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) residential care for children and youth, 2) practical development of board games, 3) scientific evaluation of projects in the educational- and child care field, 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 organisation. 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.plataformaeducativa.org/porta/entitat/fundacio-resilis/>

FÜR SOZIALES
is part of a big children and youth welfare organization, the S&S 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 clients, in residential facilities as well as ambulant care settings, within the city of Hamburg and parts of Northern Germany. 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 at risk of social exclusion. 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.fundacjarobinson.org.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 Liberati focuses on children's and youth policies as well as the vulnerability of children and youth. Furthermore they explore the role of community development that can make the deployment of specific public policies possible.
www.udg.edu/lliberi

La Juganera
is a non-profit cooperative, specialized in board games. Promoting the culture of gaming as a healthy leisure- as well as a tool for innovative education, is their main goal. The organization 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.cat/>

Timeline

