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START INFORMATION

Project title: Smart learning for gait physiotherapy – a standardized tool for health higher education in Europe (no. 2020-1-PL01-KA203-082292)

Program Erasmus+:

Erasmus+ Call 2020 Key Action 2, Strategic Partnerships in the field of Higher Education - strategic partnerships for innovation

Total Duration: 01-11-2020 - 31-01-2023

Budget: 253 260 €

Project consortium:

Coordinator: Silesian University of Technology

Partners: Universität zu Lübeck

Fondazione Politecnico di Milano

Jerzy Kukuczka Academy of Physical Education in Katowice

Acronym: SMARTtherapy + specifically the concept of "smart" is reflected by the unique features of the training tool, which are:

- practical knowledge based on three pillars: useful, accessible and non-exclusive,
- effective and intuitive learning.

Purpose of the project: innovative professional and standardized training in the field of gait physiotherapy based on case study matrix and interactive scenarios.



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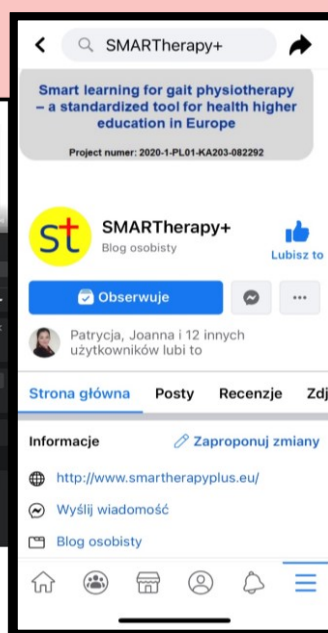
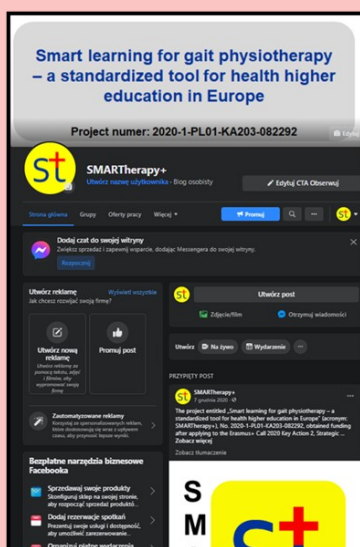
THE MAIN WEBSITE OF THE PROJECT IS AVAILABLE AT:
smartherapyplus.eu

The structure of the website has been developed according to reader-friendly rules and presents current information about the project and its objectives and assumptions. There is also information about the project team and contact data.



FACEBOOK:

A specially dedicated channel of the SMARTerapy+ project was created on the Facebook.



START PROJECT WORK

KICKOFF MEETING SMARTTherapy+

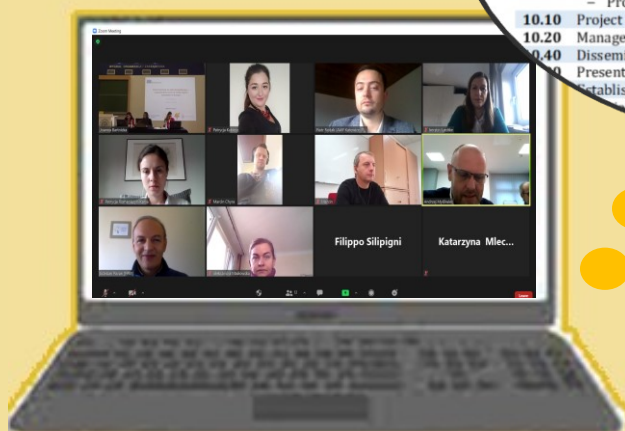
Kickoff meeting was organized by Silesian University of Technology (SUT) on 19th November 2020 via zoom.us. The main objectives of the meeting were:

- ❖ to get to know the purpose and scope of the project by all participants from partner institutions
- ❖ to discuss and agree on the tasks and deadlines set by each partner
- ❖ to establish the Steering Committee and its responsibilities.

The list of participants in the meeting included representatives of each partner: Silesian University of Technology (SUT), Universität zu Lübeck (UzL), Fondazione Politecnico di Milano (FPM), Jerzy Kukuczka Academy of Physical Education (AWF).

Agenda

Time	Subject	Partner presenting
9.00	Welcome. Introductory issue. Scope of kick-off meeting.	SUT
9.10	Short presentation of meeting participants and partner organizations (power point preferred) (5 minutes for a partner)	ALL
9.30	Presentation of the objective and scope of the project	SUT
9.40	Presentation of work programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Description of Intellectual outputs (IO) and Tasks. IO leaders - Work content, technical objectives, deliverables - Roles and responsibilities of each partner in the project - Project events 	SUT
10.10	Project schedule	SUT
10.20	Management and financial aspects	SUT
10.40	Dissemination, Exploitation, Quality and Impact aspects	SUT
11.00	Presentation of the nearest tasks	SUT
	Establishing Steering Committee	
	Questions & Discussion	
	Meeting	



START PRESS

Project Manager Joanna Bartnicka gave an interview about the SMARTerapy+ project for the Bulletin, which is distributed traditionally and electronically to the student community, but it's on-line version is public as well. The Bulletin is published in 500 copies, while the electronic version of the Bulletin, in which the project was described, was distributed to approx. 20 000 readers.



START COOPERATION

Khmelnitsky National University



On 13.04.2021 a meeting was held with participation of the representatives of the Silesian University of Technology and the Khmelnitsky National University. The aim of the meeting was establishing cooperation within the SMARTtherapy+ activities.

University of Bydgoszcz

On 15.03.2021 the framework agreement no. 118/ROZO/RR4/2021 was concluded between the Silesian University of Technology and the University of Bydgoszcz. Specifically the aim of the agreement is common activities on implementation of the SMARTtherapy+ project.

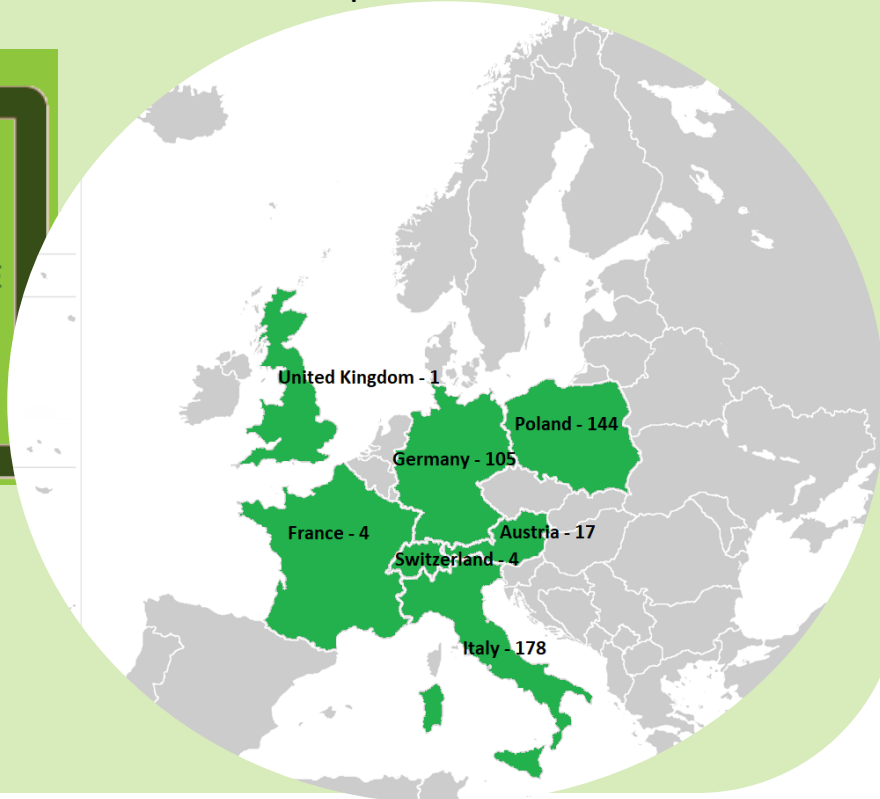


START SURVEY RESEARCH

**Thank you to all participants and institutions
contributing the research!**

The survey was addressed to academic teachers, specialists in the field of gait physiotherapy, and also to physiotherapy students supplementing their knowledge in the field of gait recovery.

The research was aimed to identify educational needs in the field of gait physiotherapy in Europe. The respondents represented European Countries like Poland, Germany, Italy, UK, Austria. Moreover, thanks to the participation of the associated partners involved in the project the sample was extended to almost 5 hundred respondents.



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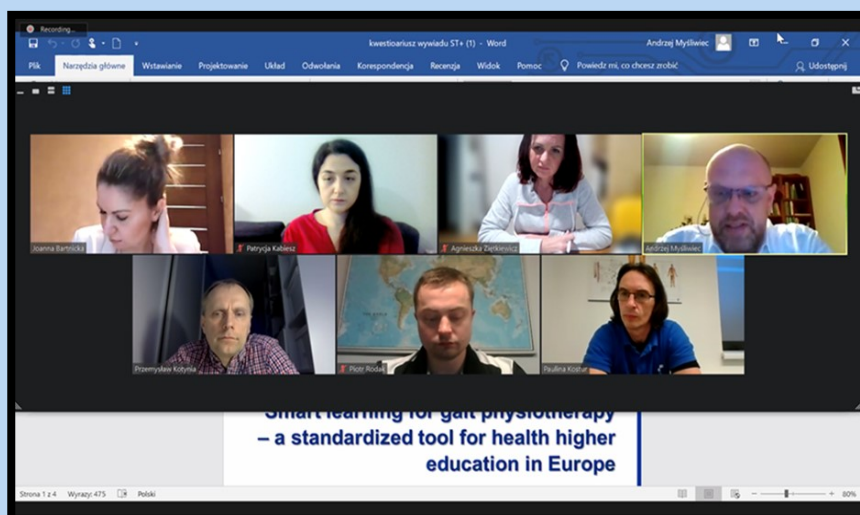
During April-May 2021, a series of focus group meetings were held as one of the tasks which aim was to identify educational needs in gait physiotherapy in Europe. During these meetings also dissemination of the project took place. Information was provided to physiotherapy experts. They work in different physiotherapy units where they have contact with many other professionals in this field. The interviews were online.

FIRST FOCUS GROUP

Date: 13.04.2021, from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Organized by Silesian University of Technology and Jerzy Kukuczka Academy of Physical Education in Katowice.

The number of focus group session participants: 6 including moderator of the session, observer and experts in physiotherapy.





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