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Welcome to the **Third Edition** of our Newsletter, featuring all the latest news from **EVOSST (Evaluation and Valorization of Social Services for a Sustainable Transition)**. This groundbreaking Horizon Europe project empowers public and private stakeholders to advance social services through cutting-edge research, innovative digital tools (AI and VR), and evidence-based policy frameworks

1 Lifecycle Impact Analysis (LIA)

Dynamic modeling to track service outcomes over time

2 Social Service Well-being Measure

Comprehensive metrics beyond economic indicators

3 New SROI Framework

Enhanced valuation of social and environmental benefits



4 Policy Framework Toolkit

Evidence-based strategies for implementation

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Recent Highlights

EVOSSST Highlighted During President Macron's Visit in Amiens



The EVOSSST Horizon Europe project was highlighted during the visit of French President **Emmanuel Macron** to the Institute for Neurodevelopmental Disorders at Amiens University Hospital in France. During the visit, Dr. Federica Cilia from **UPJV** and students from the Atypie-Friendly programme presented initiatives supporting students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). EVOSSST was represented through project materials, including a poster and the digital serious game developed to support social cognition training and inclusion. The occasion provided valuable visibility for EVOSSST and its work on innovative approaches supporting well-being and inclusion in social and educational settings.

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VR-Based Reskilling

EVOSSST VR Training Moves from Demonstration to Pre-Testing



The EVOSSST VR-based reskilling pilot continued to advance, supporting skills development for the green transition in Western Macedonia.

Following live demonstrations at **BEYOND Expo 2026**, EVOSSST released a demonstration video showing the step-by-step photovoltaic panel installation training environment developed within the project.

The application then moved into pre-testing with participants experienced in the energy sector, who provided feedback on usability, interaction, realism and the overall training experience. Their input will support further refinement of the application ahead of the next phase of pilot testing.

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Workshops

Shaping the EVOSSST Social Services Well-Being Questionnaire in France



An interactive workshop organised by **UPJV** in France brought together professionals from the medico-social sector to contribute to the development of the EVOSSST Social Services Well-Being (SSWB) Questionnaire.

Participants reviewed the pre-test version of the questionnaire and provided feedback on the wording, relevance and clarity of its items, covering key dimensions such as health, social inclusion, autonomy and access to services.

The feedback will support the refinement of the questionnaire ahead of its pre-testing phase, helping ensure that the EVOSSST well-being measure reflects the needs and experiences of social service users.

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Collaborations

EVOSST, BENEFITS & SWINS Explore Collaboration Opportunities

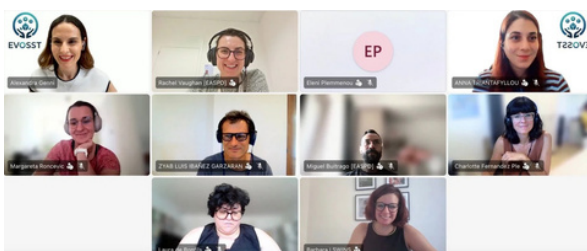
EVOSST met with the **BENEFITS** and **SWINS** Horizon Europe projects to explore opportunities for closer cooperation on social services policy. As projects funded under the same Horizon Europe topic, the three initiatives identified opportunities for knowledge exchange, coordination and future joint activities. They also agreed to establish an ongoing communication channel and work towards joint dialogue with key stakeholders.

EVOSST and MH4U Explore Collaboration on SROI-Based Social Services Evaluation



EVOSST met with the **MentalityHigh4Ukraine (MH4U)** project to exchange approaches to social impact evaluation, with a focus on EVOSST's Social Return on Investment (SROI) framework.

The discussion highlighted opportunities for knowledge exchange, methodological learning and future joint activities. The two projects also agreed to work towards joint stakeholder dialogue with key stakeholders during 2026-2027, contributing evidence and methodological insights to future policy discussions on social services.



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Project Insights

Healthentia in EVOSSST Pilot Scenario 1 in Belgium

EVOSSST project partner **Innovation Sprint** is leading Pilot Scenario 1 in Belgium with **Healthentia**, focusing on people living in rural areas and the challenges they may face in accessing healthcare and social services.

Through Healthentia, the pilot will support the collection of information on participants' experiences, behaviours and needs, helping EVOSSST better understand how social services can contribute to health and well-being.

EVOSSST Featured in Resilience Talks on Social Services and Migration



EVOSSST was featured in Episode 21 of the *Resilience Talks* podcast, with Dr. Elena Mandalenakis joining host Cristian Ghita for a discussion on social services, migration, resilience and social inclusion.

The conversation explored challenges surrounding the provision and evaluation of social services and highlighted the importance of inclusive and evidence-based approaches in responding to changing societal needs.

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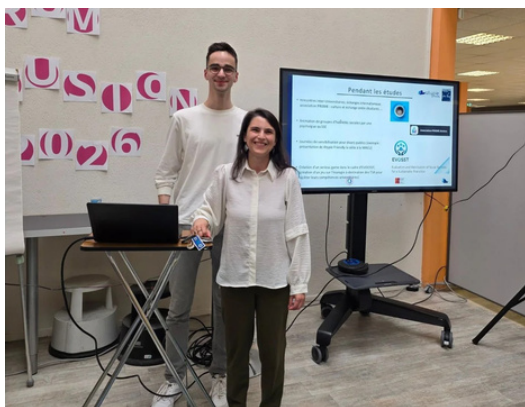
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Serious Game

EVOSSST Serious Game Engages Participants in France and Italy



The EVOSSST Serious Game was presented in two different educational and social inclusion settings in France and Italy, providing opportunities to explore the digital tool and its approach to social cognition and inclusion.

In France, the Serious Game was showcased at the *Forum de l'Inclusion*, where participants had the opportunity to discover and interact with the digital tool developed within EVOSSST.

In *Bergamo*, students participating in an Erasmus+ programme also explored the Serious Game, extending its exposure to an international educational setting and supporting exchange around inclusive approaches and social skills.

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