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Virtual reality to train inmates

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We are excited to share with you the latest news on the ViRTI project, which aims to provide virtual reality-based training programs for inmates in prisons. Virtual reality to train inmates is an initiative from [Greta du Velay](#) (FR), CIRE, [Centre d'Iniciatives per a la Reinserció](#) (ES), [Innovative Prison Systems](#) (PT) and [SQLearn](#) (GR) supported by the Erasmus+ program of the European Commission (2020-2022).

A PIVOTAL STEP FOR THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION:

3rd Transnational Project Meeting in Greece



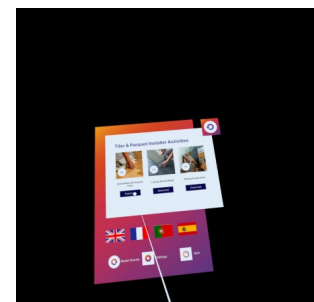
ViRTI's initiative is a promising approach to address the limitations of traditional training and education programs in prisons. The gamification of the learning content can help to enhance the motivation and interest of inmates in the training process, making it more likely that they will complete the program and acquire valuable competences and skills. The advantages of participating in education and training activities for inmates are multiple, and by developing transversal and vocational skills, they increase their chances of being employed when they are free, reducing the risk of recidivism.

To address the limitations of traditional training and education programs in prisons, ViRTI has developed an interactive gamified training path in the construction sector, using virtual reality based on 360° videos. SQLearn led IO2, which focused on the elaboration and test of an interactive learning environment based on virtual reality, and developed the learning capsules for inmates.

SQLearn hosted the 3rd partners meeting in Greece on February 7th & 8th, 2023. The meeting served to close the pending open points of discussion such as the finalisation of second and third intellectual outputs and the implementation of the next steps of the project. Partners planned the future activities that will lead to the implementation of the pilot training and the Multiplier events in partner countries.

The learning capsules are focused on the following professions:

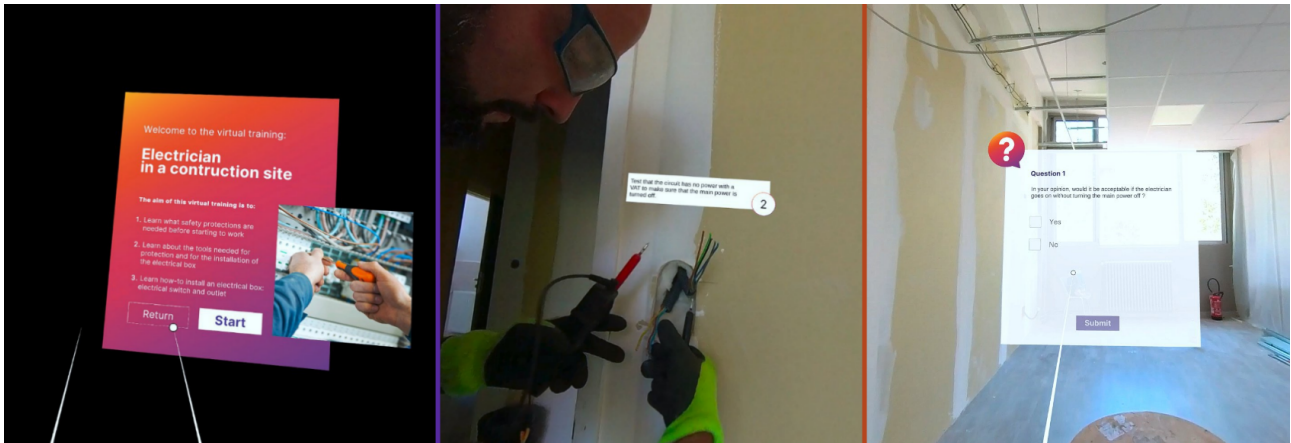
- Electrician
- Mason
- Plasterer and painter
- Tiler / Parquet installer
- Plumber-Heater
- Carpenter



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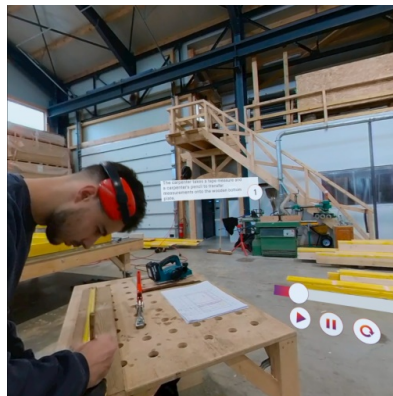


WHAT'S NEXT: PILOT TESTING AND MULTIPLIER EVENTS

By piloting the ViRTI project in different types of prisons and with different profiles of inmates, partners can evaluate its effectiveness and identify best practices for the implementation of virtual reality-based training programs in prisons.

- ❖ During the last project months, the ViRTI partners will be presenting the achievements and deliverables of the project to the interested parties in a series of Multiplier events. These events provide a good opportunity to know more about the project, the partnership and the VR application.
- ❖ The partners will be also running the pilots of the training in Portugal, France and Spain.
- ❖ The final conference is foreseen in late May 2023 in Portugal.

Overall, the ViRTI project has the potential to make a significant impact on the rehabilitation and reintegration of inmates, by providing them with the skills and competences necessary to improve their chances of successful reentry into society.



Thank you for your interest in the ViRTI project, and stay tuned for more updates.

Visit our web site: <https://virtual.reality.for.inmates.training/>

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