

Course title: **Digital Social Stories as a tool for aiding the emotional development of children. Discoveries from the EU-funded Early-ASD project**

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Description:

The course will provide basic terminology related to autism spectrum and knowledge about early diagnosis and interventions. The core of the project will be the use of digital social stories when working with young children to prevent hindering of socio-emotional skills and to support their development. Although this is an evidence based course, related to the below EU funded project, the outcome of the course will not be limited to the issues of ASD but will be applicable and ready to use in wider educational context. It will be a very useful course for anyone working with children or interested in autism spectrum or the development of digital tools for pedagogical results. About the project: EARLY-ASD is an innovative Erasmus+ project [2024-1-PL01-KA220-HED000246304] aimed at empowering preservice teachers to support young children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) through early intervention strategies. The project focuses on enhancing the social and emotional skills of children with ASD by bringing together experienced partners from across Europe to ensure inclusive and effective education practices. Students will be expected to be present and make small weekly tasks and readings.