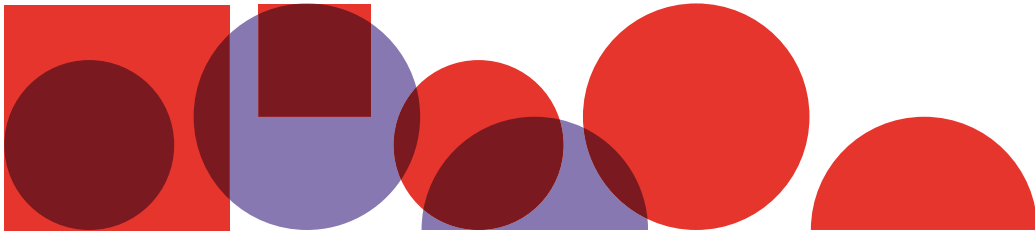
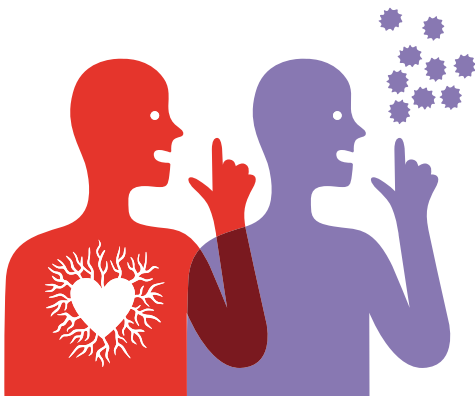




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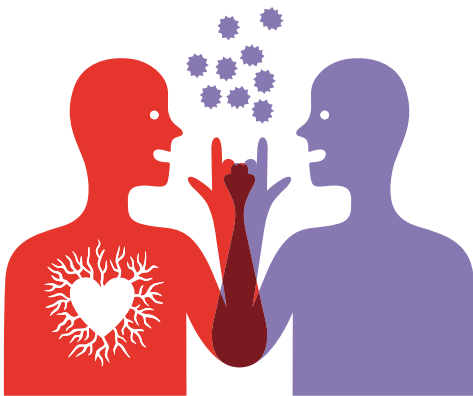


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**THE PROFESSIONALISATION
OF THE ROLE OF EXPLAINERS
IN SCIENCE CENTRES AND MUSEUMS –**
both through developing European training courses
and through research on the role of explainers.



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WHO ARE EXPLAINERS?



Explainers are the people working in a science centre or museum who come into face-to-face contact with the public.

They often have different names depending on their exact role in the institution – animators, guides, edutainers, facilitators or **PILOTS**, among others.

WHY FOCUS ON EXPLAINERS?



There is currently a lack of shared knowledge about the roles, tasks and professional status of explainers in different European science centres and museums. Little structured research exists about explainers. Training schemes for explainers are not easy to find.

Explainers from different institutions across Europe have little opportunity to meet and exchange ideas and best practices.

We see in our field that science centres and museums are transforming, from expository to participatory, from exhibition-centred to engaging the public in a more active role. As our institutions evolve, the role of the explainer must evolve too.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?



PILOTS will be running training courses for European explainers. This is an opportunity for explainers from your institution to benefit from the latest best practice from across Europe.

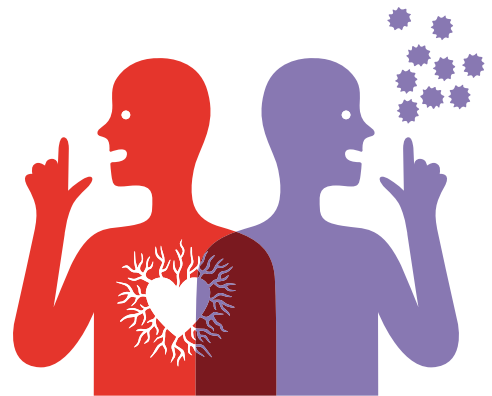
The **PILOTS** project will make use of the most up-to-date European literature, methodologies, protocols and other results coming from European good practices in order to update explainers' skills and knowledge, with a particular focus on adult visitors.

Courses last two or four days, and explainers in attendance will take part in a range of activities designed to hone various skills relevant to their role. Participants will share ideas about what it means to be an explainer, and share their own expertise as well as benefitting from of the experiences of others.

HOW CAN MY INSTITUTION MAKE THE MOST OF THIS TRAINING?



All participants in **PILOTS** training courses must organise a training activity in their own institution, for their colleagues. This allows explainers to share their experiences from **PILOTS** in their own language, and ensure that as many explainers as possible benefit from this best practice, in each participating institution.



WHAT IS PILOTS ?



PILOTS is a 2 year project with the support of the Lifelong Learning Programme of the European Union.

It is coordinated by Ecsite, the European Network of Science Centres and Museums, and the partners are: Technopolis[®], the Flemish Science Center in Mechelen, Belgium; La Cité des sciences et de l'industrie in Paris, France; Museo Nazionale della Scienza e della Tecnologia Leonardo da Vinci in Milan, Italy; SISSA Medialab in Trieste, Italy; Ciência Viva - Pavilion of Knowledge in Lisbon, Portugal and House of Experiments in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

PILOTS is aimed at Europe's community of science explainers. These individuals are brought together in THE Group, a thematic group of members of Ecsite, the European network of science centres and museums.

The **PILOTS** webplatform will host a wide variety of pedagogical material, gathered and produced by the project, and supporting a European community of explainers who use, share and add to the resources available.

Also available via this webplatform will be the results of research into the role of the explainer, carried out as an integral part of the project.



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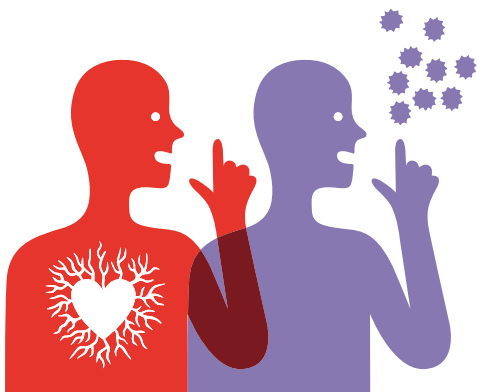


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