

# LOST2 e- NEWSLETTER

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### Welcome to the third LOST2 project e-Newsletter!

During the last year of implementation, LOST2 partners carried out a series of activities focused on the development of the project's qualification "Expert in the Research of Missing People & Minors", creating its curricula and piloting all of the modules with professionals working in the Missing People and Children phenomena to ensure the innovativeness and relevance of the training contents and materials. Thus, this third issue of LOST2 e-Newsletter provides information about such activities, and a perspective about further initiatives to be carried out until the end of the project (May 2025).

Enjoy your reading!



All the activities addressed in this e-Newsletter (and others) are further described in LOST2 website and social media.



Access these channels and discover more about LOST2 and how its results will contribute to the creation of a unified European search and find system focused on missing people and minors, with involvement of experts and other professionals working in the field.

### LOST2 Team is:

**ARLAB Regional Agency for Employment and Learning in Basilicata – IT (Coordinator)**

**p-consulting.gr – EL**

**SIULP Union of Italian Workers Unitary Police – IT**  
**OMNIS – IT**

**Asociación SOS desaparecidos Missing Person – ES**

**EfVET European Forum of Technical and Vocational Education and Training – BE**

**The Smile of the Child – EL**

**EUROMASC AS – NO**

**APCD Associação Portuguesa de Crianças Desaparecidas – PT**



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# SCAN ME



## **LOST2 Partners' Meetings and their relevance for the work carried out!**

Since the beginning of 2024, LOST2 partners had the opportunity to meet twice in very relevant Transnational Partners' Meetings (TPMs) that allowed them to make an overview of the results achieved and set the course for the results to be achieved in the following period of the project's implementation.

### **Meeting in Oslo (Norway) | May 2024**

Hosted by EUROMASC AS, this hybrid TPM had the participation from all partners to discuss the conclusion of the development process of LOST2 Qualification, which allows partners to go to the next phase – translate all contents and materials into the languages of the partnership (EL, EN, IT, NO and PT), and transfer those contents and materials to the future LOST2 Learning Platform.

**To know about what else was discussed and agreed on during this pivotal meeting of LOST2, please access [here](#)**



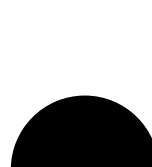
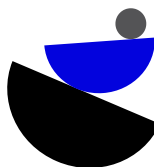
### **Meeting in Athens (Greece) | October 2024**

All LOST2 TPMs are special, but this hybrid meeting hosted by The Smile of the Child was even more special as it allowed all partners attending in person to better understand the work done by its Panhellenic Operational Centre in the field of missing children.

During this meeting, all partners involved in the pilots of the LOST2 qualification modules presented the main results of those pilots, which ultimately had impact on the tested contents and materials that now have to be revised and adjusted, accordingly.

Moreover, another crucial outcome of LOST2 was addressed – the project's Online Training Platform, where all of the qualification modules (contents and materials) will be publicly available at the end of the project implementation period to benefit the professionals across Europe involved in the search for missing persons.

**More details about the topics of LOST2 addressed in this meeting available [here](#)**



### **Did you know?**

**LOST2 has an innovative approach to training that is being used for the development of the contents and materials of the "Expert in the Research of Missing People & Minors" qualification: the use of Artificial Intelligence!**

**Read more about how this technology is being used in LOST2 in the article written by EUROMASC AS, [here](#).** 

## ***LOST2 Qualification: Pilot sessions and results achieved***

LOST2 Qualification "Experts in the Research of Missing People & Minors" is comprised of 13 modules which contents and materials are aimed at Vocational Education and Training (VET) Trainers and Technical Operators part of the project's partner organisations, and at:

- Members of the Police Force,
- Fire Fighters,
- Elements of the Civil Service/Civil Protection,
- Private Investigators and Lawyers,
- Local, National and European Authorities,
- Members who are volunteers at organisations that support families and help law enforcement services and public institutions working in the field of Missing Persons and Children.

## ***The Structure of the Qualification***

LOST2 Qualification "Experts in the Research of Missing People & Minors" has a total of 6 Courses, inside of which the above-mentioned professionals can find 13 different modules, developed based on the extensive experience and know-how of the project's partners, and with the contributions from external experts working in the field.

Those courses are:

Course 0 (introductory): Preventing and mitigating abduction

Course 1: Assistance and Prevention

Course 2: Family Support

Course 3: Research and Implementation

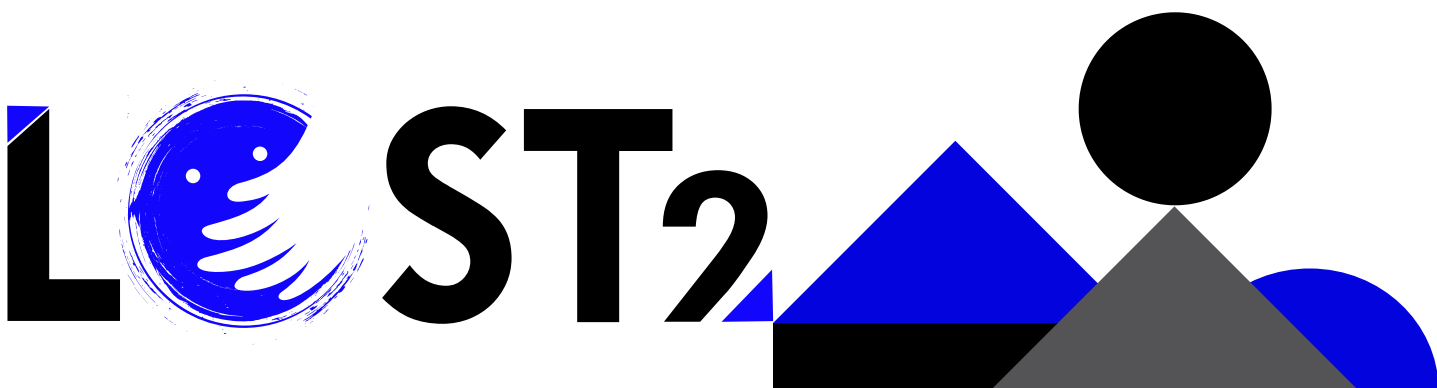
Course 4: Data collection and analysis

Course 5: Finalisation of investigation

Course 6: Identification of an unnamed body

Apart from the theoretical contents developed, the Qualification also contains exercises and other supporting materials (e.g., videos, literature references) that allow students to explore each topic more deeply.

All of these contents and materials will soon be available online at LOST2 Training Platform, translated into the languages of the partnership!



# The Pilots

May 2024 marked the starting point for all partners to pilot LOST2 Qualification modules, with the active participation of experts and professionals working in the field of Missing Persons and Children.

Here are the testimonies of some of the LOST2 partners involved in these pilot activities:

## Asociación SOS Desaparecidos (ES)



(The trainer and participants of the pilot session conducted by Asociación SOS Desaparecidos)

Held in May 25th, 2024 (the International Missing Children's Day), in Murcia, this session had 15 participants who explored Course 2 of LOST2 Qualification, more specifically the psychological support to families in the first phase of disappearance, and analysis of the disappearance and of the environment context.

Because the results of pilots carried out provide a source of information to all LOST2 partners involved in the development of the training contents, it was important to understand that, for all participants of this session, the most essential aspects that provide a comprehensive understanding of what effective assistance to families is are covered by this course.

## EUROMASC (NO)



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This LOST2 partner focused its pilot session on Course 0. Because this is a more introductory Course, the pilots were carried out online with a total of 14 participants, between June and July 2024.

At the end of this process, of the participants stated "I found the course to be exceptionally well-structured and concise. The content was clearly presented, and the learning objectives were thoroughly communicated. Overall, it provided me with a solid understanding of both the theoretical knowledge and practical applications discussed."

## The Smile of the Child (EL)

This hybrid pilot session was held in June 2024, and focused on Course 3.

With a total of 19 participants (11 in person and 8 online), this session carried out by The Smile of the Child allowed to understand participants' perspectives about LOST2 Qualification in general, and this Course in particular. For them, pilots such as this allow participating professionals to be involved in cooperative activities that "lead to conclusions and recommendations for improvement of mechanisms for a more effective coordination and management in investigation, search and detection of missing minors and adults and should take place more frequently".

This was very important feedback to LOST2 as it means that this particular project activity is well regarded among the professionals targeted by the project's results and outcomes!

# Looking Forward

After collecting these and other participants' inputs from the pilots carried out in Italy and in Portugal too, LOST2 partners will now analyse those inputs and make the necessary changes/adaptations to the tested contents and materials, to make sure that the Qualification "Experts in the Research of Missing People & Minors" complies with its purpose.

**Did you know?**

*According to experts in Criminology,*

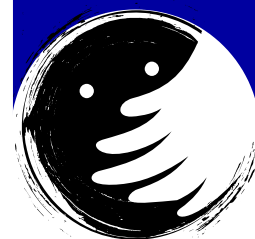
***the first 72 hours***

***of a missing person's investigation process  
are crucial not because of the preservation of evidence,  
but also because of the need to rapidly act  
on the available leads.***



Read all about this topic, and how LOST2 purposes are aligned with this urgency, in the Article shared by p-Consulting,

**[here](#)**.



# RIAD and its connection to LOST2

## Asociación SOS Desaparecidos

In March 16th, Asociación SOS Desaparecidos launched its Immediate Action Network for Missing Persons (RIAD), which gathers Search Units of missing persons that will work across Spain whenever activated by law enforcement agencies.

This important milestone achieved by the Spanish LOST2 partner will increase the response capacity to missing persons and children situations, through the use of drone units and involvement of:

- Search dogs on the ground, which will move in the first moments;
- Civil protection units, with their teams and always activated by their command units;
- Volunteers from different entities, groups, platforms and organisations.



Moreover, the RIAD Teams include Psychologists, who will act at the request of the families or of the unit in charge of the disappearance and search, and Criminologists and Detectives, who will work at the request of the security forces or of the family of the missing person, once they have the authorisation of the investigation unit or of the court.

RIAD will be connected to LOST2 by using the project's Qualification to provide training to its volunteers!

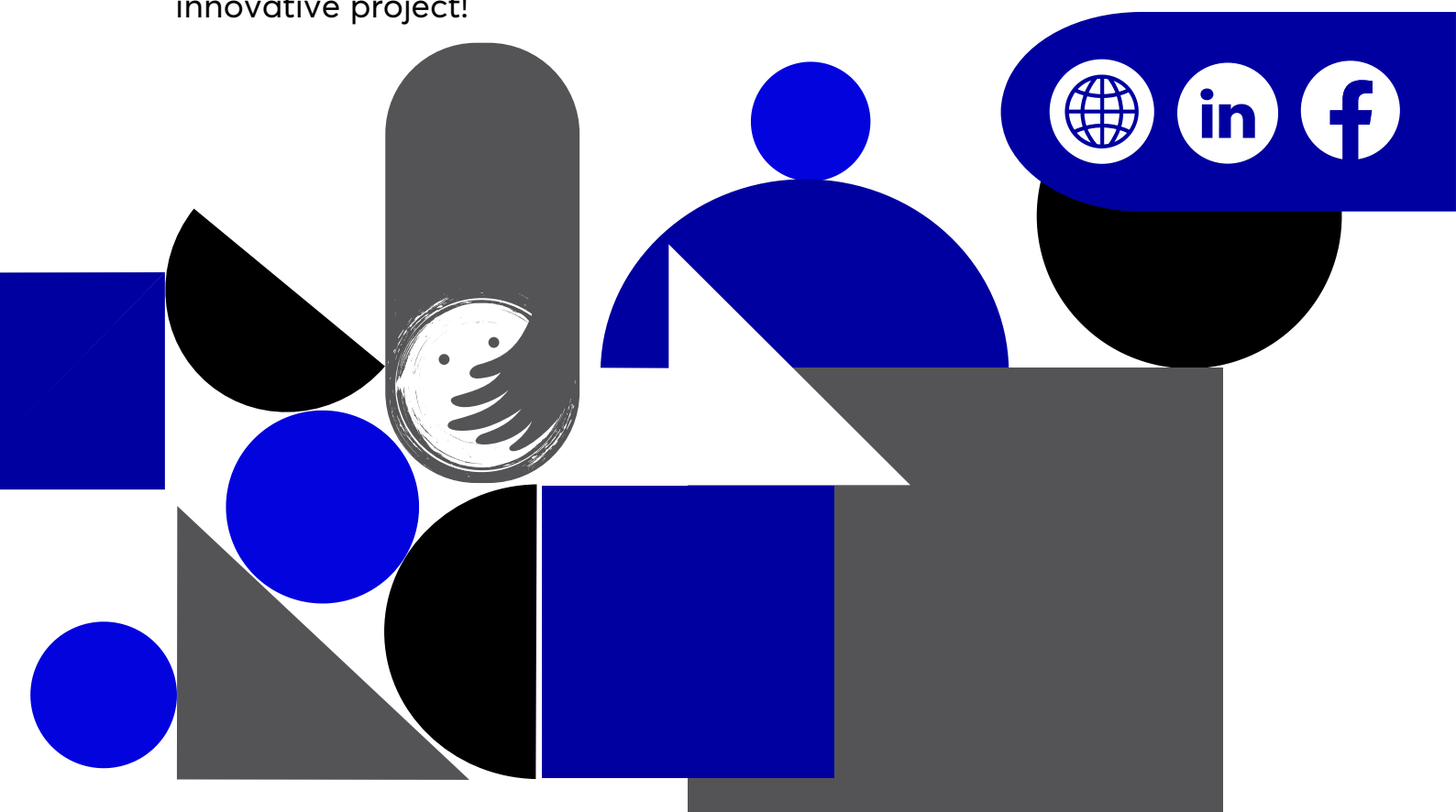
# Next on *LOST2*

2025 represents the conclusion of the project, meaning that all results and outcomes of LOST2 will be ready and available to be used by all of the professionals working in the Missing Persons and Children phenomena!

Until then, here are some of the activities to be carried out by the end of May 2025:

- Finalisation of all adjustments to LOST Qualification materials (including the update of the Dictionary of Competences, which allows for alignment of the Qualification with ESCO and, ultimately, supports its formal recognition by Education and Training authorities);
- Translation of all those materials so they can be easily used in the countries of LOST2 partnership;
- Finalisation of LOST2 online Training Platform;
- Final TPM and International Conference of LOST2, to be held in Brussels (BE) in May 2025.

Follow the project on Facebook and LinkedIn, and access to its website, for updated information on these and other LOST2 achievements, and understand how you can also take part of this innovative project!





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