

SAMNIC MOOC

>> An innovative training tool on the safety of children's products

SAMNIC is a transnational project, funded under the EU Erasmus+ Programme, to develop and implement a MOOC—a Massive Open Online Course -on the Safety Assessment and Management for New and Innovative Children's Products. The MOOC is targeted principally at industry (especially SMEs) and consumer organisations.

In addition to training, this innovative tool will provide an interactive forum for users, through which they will be able to share experiences and engage in collaborative learning. This will lead to the creation of the SAMNIC Community, a multidisciplinary group of professionals from consumer

organizations, industry, research centres, universities and enforcement authorities among others.

The SAMNIC MOOC is expected to be ready in August 2016 and will be available in English, Spanish, French, Italian, Czech and Portuguese. It will be accessible through PCs, tablets or smartphones.

MOOCs are the most innovative tools for online training, and allow for unlimited and free participation through the Internet. The most prestigious universities in the world -including Harvard and Stanford- have started to use MOOCs for training in different fields.

>> Kick-off meeting in Alicante

The first meeting of the SAMNIC Consortium was hosted by AIJU - the SAMNIC lead partner - in Ibi (Alicante), Spain, on 15 January, as an introductory meeting of the partners and start of the detailed planning process. It was followed by a one day workshop at the University of Alicante, the SAMNIC partner in charge of the development of the internet/ICT platform that will support the MOOC.



>> Important progress during the second meeting

The second meeting took place on 5 March, in the Italian town of Padua, hosted by the Department of Cardiac, Thoracic and Vascular Sciences of the University of Padua, the Italian partner in the project. At this meeting, the training model was defined in terms of subjects, duration and learning methodology, and progress made in the design of the training materials. Among others, the MOOC will cover subjects such as the legal framework for children's products, risk analysis and epidemiology of the injuries related to products used by children.



The pedagogical design will be focused on five key areas: learning, activities, resources, interactivity and assessment.

SAMNIC MOOC will offer digitised materials on children product safety freely and openly to use and reuse for teaching and learning.

SAMNIC MOOC is being developed tailored to real needs of industry (specially SME's) and consumer organisations in order to enhance the skills and competences on child safety of their key staff (technical staff, quality team, designers, trainers, etc.)



The consortium of project SAMNIC, coordinated by AIJU, is formed by the Czech Association for Toy and Play, SHH (the Czech Republic); the University of Alicante, UA (Spain); the European Association for the Coordination of Consumer Representation in Standardization, ANEC (Belgium), and the Università Degli Studi Di Padova, UniPd, (Italy).

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