



ABI_SPARK
Empowering adults with
Acquired Brain Injury

Press Release

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European Project ABI_SPARK Launched to Improve Inclusion and Autonomy for People with Acquired Brain Injury

ABI_SPARK is a new European initiative, coordinated by Stichting Voorall (Netherlands), that aims to promote inclusion, foster lifelong learning and empower individuals living with Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) and their support networks.

Funded by the European Union under the Erasmus+ programme (KA220-ADU – Cooperation Partnerships in Adult Education), the project focuses on sharing practical tools, developing a knowledge hub and accessible learning solutions to support people with ABI in their daily lives.

Running from December 2025 to May 2028, ABI_SPARK brings together organisations from Portugal, the Netherlands, Germany and Croatia, combining expertise in social inclusion, research, education and innovation.

Across Europe, more than 3.3 million people live with the consequences of Acquired Brain Injury. Many face daily challenges related to communication, independence and participation in society – often linked to difficulties that are not immediately visible but have a significant impact on everyday life. Acquired Brain Injury refers to damage to the brain that occurs after birth, caused by events such as stroke, traumatic injury, infection, or other medical conditions. These challenges are particularly significant beyond the clinical phase, where many people face a lack of structured and continuous support.



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ABI_SPARK responds to this challenge by co-creating practical and inclusive resources together with people with ABI, families, caregivers and professionals, ensuring that solutions respond to real-life needs. The project's goal is to support lifelong learning and provide tools that help individuals maintain autonomy and actively participate in society.

Key project outputs will include:

- An Online Knowledge Hub as a central access point for information and resources
- Adapted learning materials for people with ABI and their support networks
- Teaching about these tools in our learning materials

By linking these outputs to real-life contexts and existing services, the project aims to ensure that its results are not only accessible, but also usable and sustainable over time.

"This project represents an important step towards improving support and opportunities for people living with Acquired Brain Injury across Europe, particularly beyond the clinical phase, where significant gaps in long-term support still exist."

Novamente – Project Partner

Combining innovation, collaboration and lived experience, ABI_SPARK aims to contribute to more inclusive and responsive support systems across Europe.

The project website is now available at:
<https://abispark.eu>



Facts & Figures:

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