



# Project Template

## European Rotaract Information Center

Name of the project: PiantiAMO

Organizing club: Rotaract clubs Trani and Barletta

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## **I. ANALYSIS, OPPORTUNITIES AND MAIN IDEA FOR THE PROJECT.**

### **1. ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEM WE WANT TO SOLVE**

The intention is to break down differences and try to make people with neurodiversity feel integrated in a social context. On this path, we used the symbol of the plant to raise awareness of environmental issues.

### **2. OPPORTUNITIES**

The opportunities are many, but the most important was the mutual learning and exchange that took place between Rotaract children youth and adults with autism.

## **II. HOW TO EXECUTE THE PROJECT**

### **1. ACTION GROUP**

Project coordinator: oversees the entire project.

Internal coordinators: they structured and concretely organized the project.

Partner association: association with which Rotaract has cooperated.

Rotaract youth/clubs: they actively participate in the project.

### **2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT**

The project, led by Rotaract Clubs of Barletta and Trani in collaboration with Rotaract and Interact Districts 2120, is part of the "Divergo" initiative, dedicated to neurodiversity awareness and inclusion promotion. Partnering with "Work-Aut," the project aims to integrate autistic adults into society. It involved months of meticulous planning and culminated in the production and sale of Aloe plants. Funds raised will purchase a computer and printer for "Work-Aut," facilitating job training for autistic individuals. The project promotes both social and ecological sustainability by fostering inclusive environments and selling Aloe seedlings as symbols of inclusion, autonomy, and sustainability.

### **3. GOALS OF THE PROJECT**

- Integrate autistic adults into society
- Foster inclusive environments
- Provide job training opportunities for autistic people
- Establish partnerships
- Help the association to evolve through the donation of computers and printers

### **4. TARGET AUDIENCE**

Autistic Adults

## **5. ACTION PLAN & TIME FRAME**

6 month before: identification of the aim of the project.

1 month before: identification of the association "Work Aut"

1 week after: resale of the plants

2 weeks after: we bought a printer and a computer

3 weeks after: donation of the printer and the computer

### **Brief description of each step**

First step of the project: it was to make and pack Aloe plants (symbol of the partner association) through joint work between Rotaract, Interact, and AUT adults from the "Work-Aut" association.

The meeting to produce these plants took place on March 17, 2024, at the headquarters of the partner association.

After an initial acquaintance between the various protagonists of the project, the AUT adults themselves with passion and accuracy explained to Rotaract and Interact participants the basic steps to be carried out: assembling the cardboards, inserting the laces, and inserting the plant inside the cardboard.

Second step of the project: Once the plants were packaged, Rotaract District 2120, Interact District 2120, and Trani and Barletta clubs purchased 50 plants for resale at two district events: Rotaract District Assembly IV and Interact RYPEN.

Districts and clubs purchased the plants through funds gathered during a district evening held in September 2023, attended by the Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact 2120 districts.

Third step of the project: finally, the resale of Aloe plants will raise additional funds, through which the District Rotaract 2120, the District Interact 2120, and the clubs of Trani and Barletta undertake to buy a computer and a printer to donate to the association "Work-Aut".

Computers and printer are essential for the association, as they allow them to write the job descriptions (work procedures) on the computer and to update and customize them according to the skills of each autistic apprentice.

They are also necessary to print out the work plan and deliver it to the worker, who will take it home to study and repeat it.

The biggest difficulty was finding an association that was based on the same values as

Rotaract and Rotary. For months we searched and only after 5/6 months did we find it

## **6. RESOURCES**

To replicate the project, all we need to do is find an association that raises awareness of neurodiversity and is committed to trying to get these people into the social and working world. Find something they can do together so that they can forge relationships and friendships. But above all, a willingness to help.

## **7. BUDGET**

Pre-Bought of the plants: 350€ (what we spent)

Resale of the plants: 510€ ( what we earned)

Money earned from a district lottery: 194€( also earned)

Bought of computer and printer: 547€

(The District 2120 also add some money to support the project)

## **8. ORGANIZERS OF THE PROJECT**

Rotaract of Barletta: Tommaso Capasso (Tommy.capasso@live.it)

Rotaract of Trani: Maria Stefania Tatò (mariatato2711@gmail.com)

## **9. PARTICIPANTS**

Main Rotaract clubs: Trani and Barletta

In collaboration with: Rotaract district 2120 and Interact district 2120

Patterned Association: "WorkAUT"

## **10. SPONSORSHIP**

We had no Sponsor

## **11. MEDIA COVERAGE**

<https://www.instagram.com/rotaractclub.trani?igsh=emJ6OXdtd3g0ZThw>

[https://www.instagram.com/rotaract\\_barletta?igsh=ejl1YnFmZXRxOTN4](https://www.instagram.com/rotaract_barletta?igsh=ejl1YnFmZXRxOTN4)

## **III. RESULTS**

### **1. RESULTS AND OVERVIEW**

The project as a whole went very well. There was a lot of cohesion between everyone, everyone helped in their own small way. The people with neurodiversity lived the experience in the best way possible, having fun and meeting new people. The only difficulty was the initial one, finding the right association to turn to.

## **2. ADVICES**

The most important thing is to find the right association that allows you to have a peaceful environment. In our case, the fact that the people we approached were autistic but ADULTS, helped a lot to get in touch with them more easily. As it is always very delicate to enter the world of people with neurodiversity and you must always do so with the utmost caution.

## **3. SUSTAINABILITY**

The creation of aloe allowed us not only to work with autistic adults but also to raise awareness of environmental issues among both the people who worked on them and those who then bought the plant. At the moment it was the first time this project had been done, we will see how it will be over the years; the only thing I would change is the small plastic bag in which the plant was placed, which was then placed in a cardboard box at the end.