

Latest News and Updates on the LIFEx project

On the 4th of November, the project team had its first face-to-face meeting at ÉCOLE headquarters in Milan having worked online for more of 2022. It was a great opportunity to meet all the team in person and we had a very productive meeting where we delved into the development of the Virtual Reality Learning experiences that we will create in 2023 as part of the LIFEx project.

ISQe, our Portuguese partner, presented the development approach from both a technical and didactic perspective and talked all partners through the elaborate training methodology schematic they have created for the Virtual Reality (VR) Immersive Learning Experiences (ILx). We also used our time together to brainstorm and discuss the scenarios we will create for the ILx content to be used in the VR training sessions. For many of us, this is our first time to create new VR training experiences, so we left the meeting more confident in our ability to achieve our aims!

Finally, the meeting allowed us to conclude and launch **The LifeComp ILx Competence Profile** outlining the key competences for the LifeX project in each of the three key soft skill areas that we will focus on: Personal, Social and Learning to Learn. This competence profile will be a reference document for the rest of the project's development work as will help shape the structure and content of the VR experiences and associated assessment tools. The final version of the Competence Profile can be found on the project website: www.life-x.eu



Why Virtual Reality?

For the LIFEx project, we have chosen to use Virtual Reality (VR) as our primary immersive learning tool as this method allows learners to not only be fully focused and engaged in the course, but also to take part through physical movement, immersing them fully in the learning experience!

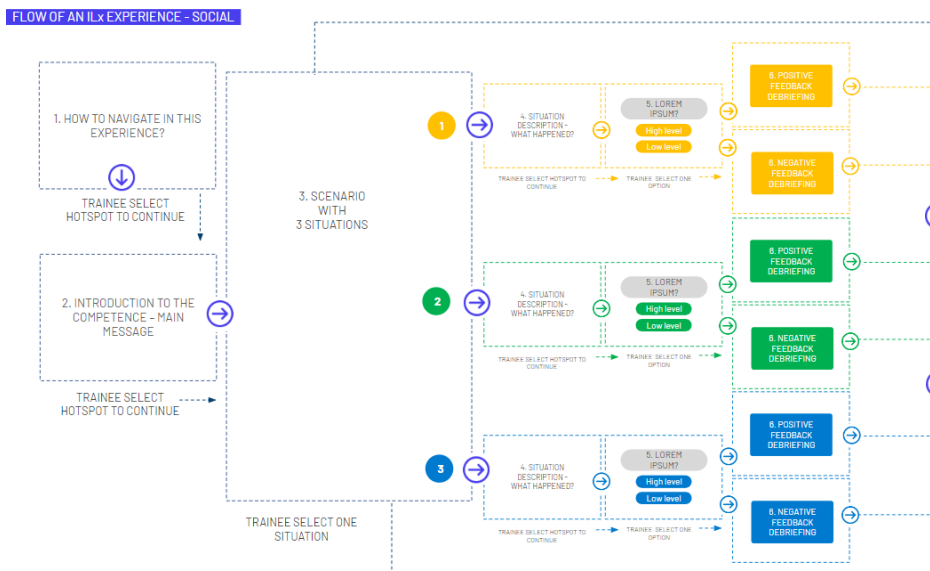
The simulation of all senses in a controlled 3D environment allows the user to explore and interact in a virtual experience. For LifeX this should help learners develop their soft skills and increase their confidence in realistic real-world scenarios and be able to then transfer these new skills to their personal and professional lives.



Next Steps

The consortium will now begin working developing the VR scenarios and to bring all our ideas to life through VR. We will create 3 unique LIFEx immersive experiences targeted at adults aged 16 years+ preparing for the world of work and those looking to update their soft skills for the working environment.

By the end of January 2023, we aim to have the content completed in Storyboard format ready to be converted and produced into graphic format for use in VR headsets.



Upcoming Events: Training the Trainers

LifeX partners will meet again in person at FIP's offices in Virginia, Ireland in June 2023. This will coincide with the completion of the VR digital training programme in English and the early stages of the creation of the eTools for evaluation of the LIFEx VR soft skills training programme for educators. The beta version of the LIFEx training programme will be piloted and evaluated with 10 trainers, 2 from each partner organisation and these LifeComp ILx Pop-up session for trainers will allow them to get acquainted with the virtual reality ILx, the training methodology, and overall arrangements for a smooth implementation on the national pilots.

Following the training event, ISQe will make any necessary revisions and the ILxs will be available for local piloting in each relevant partner country in September 2023. In September and October 2023, partners from Ireland, Italy, Greece, and Romania will pilot the training with 20 members of the project group i.e., trainers within companies, VET professionals, adult education trainers, young people, adult learners, jobseekers wishing to develop soft skills, etc.



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Five partners from five European countries are working together to deliver the LIFEx project. The LIFEx project is coordinated by Future in Perspective (FIP) and co-funded by the Irish Erasmus+ National Agency, Leargas.

