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SINAPSI: TEACHING SOFT SKILLS THROUGH A 3D SIMULATION PLATFORM

Within the frame of Leonardo Da Vinci European programs, SINAPSI offers a 3D e-learning platform for the teaching of soft skills such as negotiation. It is managed by CNR-ISTC, the National Research Council Institute of Cognitive Sciences and Technologies (the most important Italian research institution in Cognitive Sciences), SINAPSI combines e-learning professional formation and serious game. Enterprises will be able to follow online educational scripts.

Several partners are participating to the project:

Entropy KN, education and counseling in human resources, is in charge of the methodology. The first essay will be made under the direction of the relational sciences department of Federico II University (Napoli, Italy). In France, MF & Partners Consulting is managing the analysis of needs and tests with PDCS institute (Partners for Democratic Changes in Slovakia).

The last years, the outspread of the Internet led to an increasing development of video games (Example: "second life"). Like video games are made to entertain, serious games are made to teach. They have a more pedagogical role. By using this concept of role playing game, SINAPSI, allow different partners to participate simultaneously to formations, supervised by a teacher in a virtual space.

Traditional educational methods are very limited (cost, practicality). That is why SINAPSI aimed to take profit of e-learning advantages. The platform is easy to use, costs are reduced and immediate results are guaranteed. SINAPSI got a universal dimension. It is accessible to everyone without any geographical limitation.

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