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VIPs VIBES - May 2025

The inclusion of visually impaired persons in the bakery sector

The **VIPsVIBES project** is an innovative initiative co-funded by the European Union, which aims to promote the inclusion of visually impaired persons (VIPs) in the bakery sector. In this newsletter, we will give you an overview of the project and the main results developed so far.



More Info



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In this Newsletter

In this Newsletter, we share two important milestones achieved by the VIPs VIBES project: the official release of the **Digital Training Toolkit**, an innovative resource to support accessibility in the workplace, and the **third transnational meeting** between partners, which marked a key moment for discussion, evaluation and planning of the next stages of the project.



Find out more by further reading this newsletter!

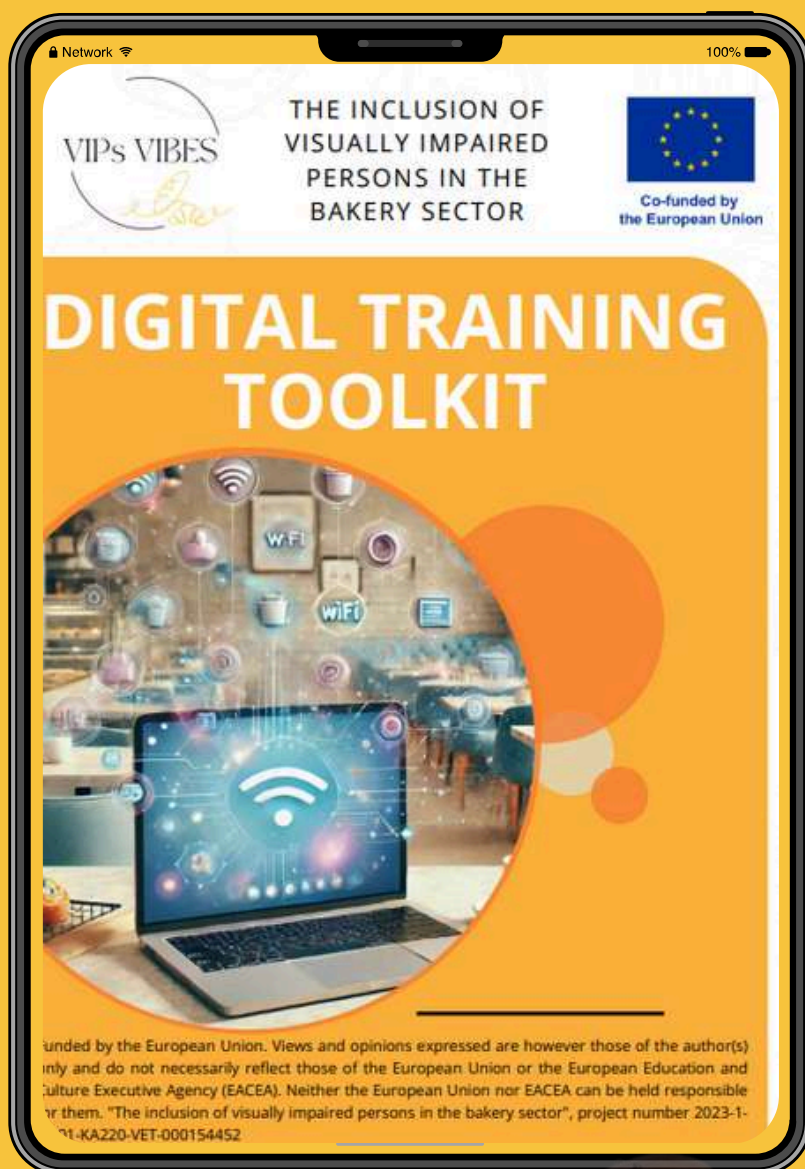


DIGITAL TRAINING TOOLKIT

The **Digital Training Toolkit** is a free and comprehensive resource available in **PDF format and translated into several languages**, designed to promote the inclusion of people with visual impairments in the bakery sector.

It is an important output of the VIPSVIBES project and brings together **digital tools, assistive devices and practical guidelines** for training blind or visually impaired operators and for supporting mentors and trainers in creating accessible work environments.

You can find the **Digital Toolkit** [here](#), read it directly on the website, download it in PDF format, or listen to the audio version available at the end of each document.



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What can you find in the toolkit?

A wide range of tools, technologies and guidelines divided into thematic sections, including:

- **Adapted tools for the bakery workshop:** Braille labels and enlarged fonts, tactile markers, coloured tape to indicate edges and hazards.
- **Useful software for PCs** such as JAWS, ZoomText and NVDA, which are essential for independent access to digital content.
- **Accessible hardware devices:** talking scales, liquid level indicators, tactile rulers, 3D printers to create customised tools or tactile maps of the bakery.
- **Mobile apps and AI-based tools:** such as Be My Eyes, Seeing AI, OrCam MyEye and Envision AI, which offer real-time assistance in identifying ingredients, reading recipes or moving around safely.
- **Guidelines for mentors and trainers:** practical strategies for making the workplace more inclusive, training colleagues and communicating effectively and safely.
- **Success stories from different European countries** showing how inclusion is possible in the world of work.

The toolkit shows that blind or visually impaired people can be easily included in the workplace by providing **small adjustments or tools for their autonomy and safety**.



3rd online TPM

February 12,
2025



On **12 February 2025**, the **third transnational meeting of the VIPS VIBES project took place online**, bringing together all partners to take stock of ongoing activities.

The focus was on the **Digital Training Toolkit**, whose trial phase was officially concluded with over 60 participants involved in the various partner countries. During the meeting, the feedback collected was analysed, with particular attention to the accessibility of the material, which will be further improved thanks to practical suggestions (use of legible fonts, image descriptions, accessible layout).

The meeting also launch the work on the **VIPS VIBES Training Curriculum**, which will be hosted on the Moodle platform with digital badges and microcredentials.

The consortium also identified the next steps to ensure the project's lasting impact.



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Coming soon: the VIPS VIBES Training Curriculum

Following the release of the Digital Training Toolkit, partners are now working on the development of the **VIPsVIBES CURRICULUM**, which represents the latest major achievement of the project. This is an innovative learning path based on microcredentials and digital badges, designed to train assistant bakers with visual impairments and mentors in an inclusive manner. The content will be accessible and hosted on a dedicated Moodle platform, designed to ensure maximum usability for all.

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