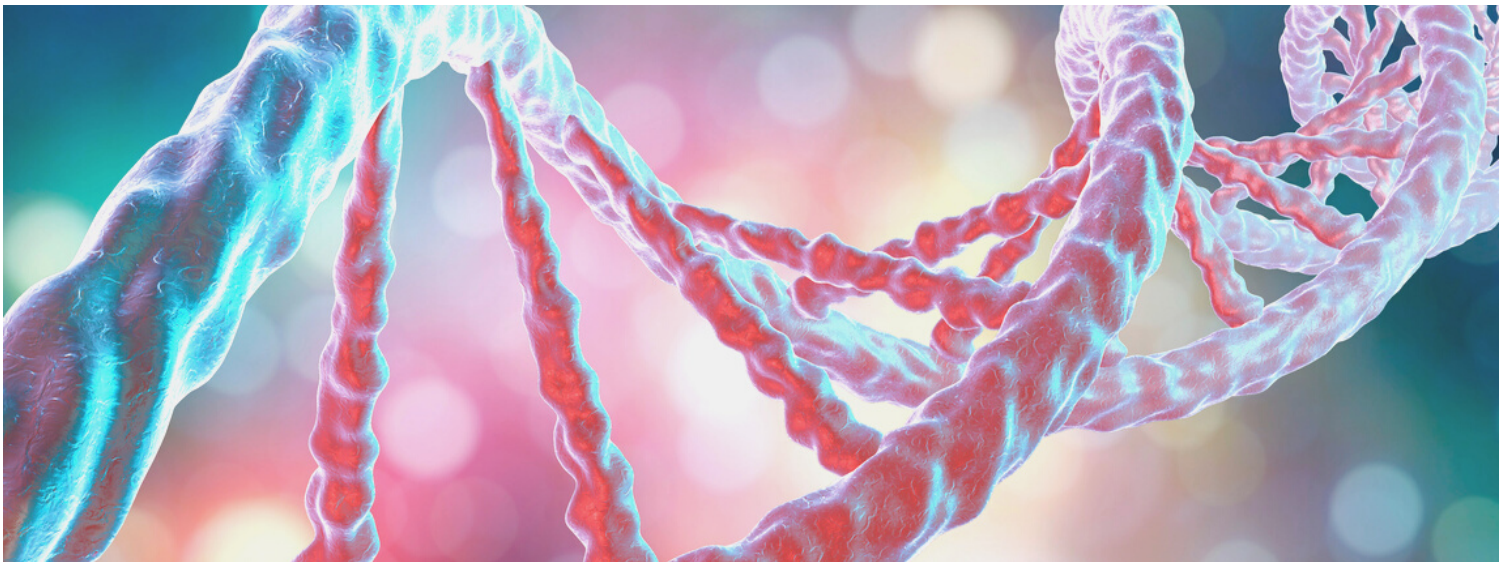


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ABOUT THE PROJECT

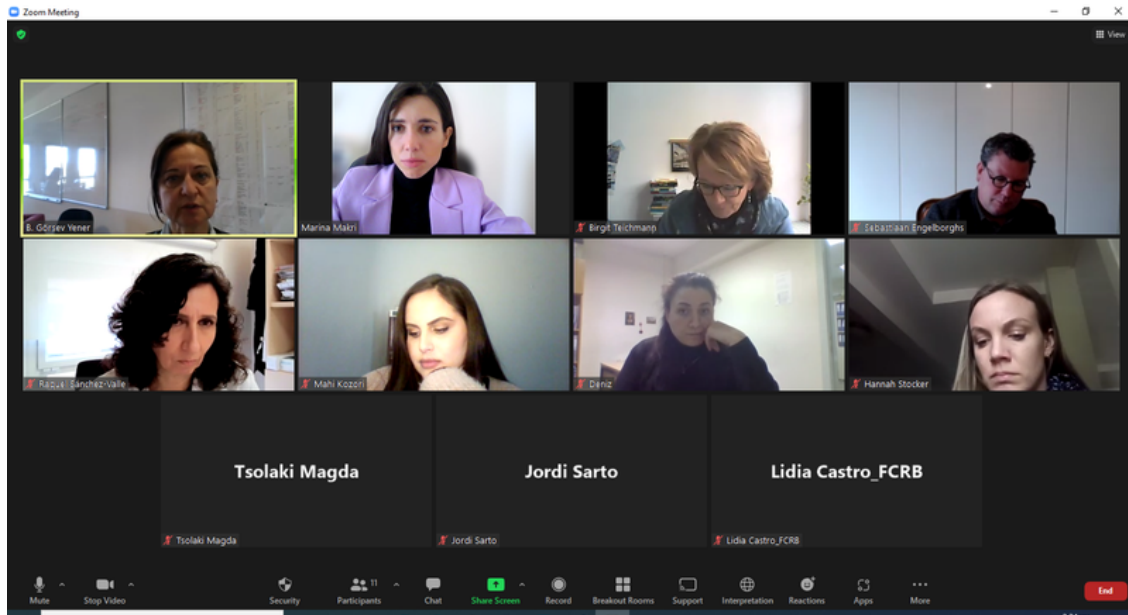
The GECONEU is the acronym of the project “**Genetic counseling in European universities: The case of neurodegenerative diseases**” which aim to develop an online Course for University students focusing on Genetic Counseling.

The main goals and central impact of this project is to support people and society to better understand the aims of genetic testing and the usefulness of genetic counseling by involving students in an innovative learning and teaching setting. This project will provide the opportunity to take all the factors of an appropriate training course to society into account by involving the families of people with Neurodegenerative disorders in the development of the learning and teaching outcomes consequently improving their visibility and enhancing their level of knowledge.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Creating an innovative European Course on Genetic Counseling (GC)
- Supporting the introduction of GC Courses in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and other institutions

- Developing the “Best Genetic Counseling protocol” and specific Methodological Guidelines
- Cultivating new competencies, knowledge and new skills of students related to communication, empathy and support, while they make contact with families of people with Neurodegenerative disorders (ND) and offer GC services
- Supporting families by offering them a GC innovative approach
- Enhancing genetic literacy and understanding of the general public as well as behavioral and day life changes as predictive measures for ND
- Enhancing and promoting the use of Telegenetics as part of remote GC services.



KICK OFF MEETING

The Kick off meeting was organized online on 14th of March 2022 by the coordinator of the project (AUTH). It was an opportunity to meet all together and set the Workplan and all the next steps of the project. Partners discussed details concerning responsibilities, teamwork, the timeline and the activities of all Project Results.

PR1 and next steps

In this moment, the project has entered its first operational phase, that has the objective of producing:
The development of Genetic counseling intervention Methodology.
More specifically:

- Task 1.1 Preparation of GC intervention
- Task 1.2 Definition of the Needs of participants in GC
- Task 1.3 Development and design of the Transnational Implementation Guidelines

Till now all partners have completed:

- Collection and sharing of basic recommendations and existing GC protocols from all partner countries.
- Reporting on the existing Greek and Spanish GC interventions that are implemented and making adaptations.
- Drafting of the Methodological Guide of GC intervention.
- Quantitative research based on the questionnaire 'Perceptions regarding pRE-symptomatic DEMentia testing' (PRE-DEM) in all participating countries including more than 250 participants in each country.

