



## Mend the Gap

27/11/2024 Piloting sessions and Multiplier Event by MEUS

### **Bridging Gender Gaps Through Education and Empowerment**

The Mend the Gap project, funded under the Erasmus+ program, has been a transformative initiative aimed at addressing gender disparities through innovative educational approaches. This year, two pivotal events—the piloting activities and the multiplier event—marked significant milestones in the project's journey toward fostering inclusivity and empowerment. Here, we highlight the essence of these activities and their impact.

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#### **Piloting Activities: Testing and Refining Solutions**

The piloting phase of Mend the Gap was designed to test the project's training materials and tools with key stakeholders—trainers who work with women in diverse contexts. Initially scheduled for a face-to-face event at the Ciudad del Aprendiz in Valencia, the session had to adapt due to unforeseen circumstances caused by the DANA flood. Despite these challenges, the team successfully pivoted to online sessions, ensuring the project's objectives were met without compromise.

- **Sessions Overview:** Two virtual workshops were conducted in early November 2024, engaging a total of 10 trainers. The sessions introduced the Mend the Gap framework and sought feedback on its materials and methodologies.
- **Key Outcomes:**
  - Participants provided valuable insights on enhancing the training tools.
  - Discussions emphasized the importance of contextualizing financial and entrepreneurial skills within gender-specific challenges.



- o The trainers expressed appreciation for the project's relevance and practical focus.

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## Multiplier Event: A Platform for Dialogue and Inspiration

On October 15, 2024, the Chamber of Commerce in Valencia hosted the Mend the Gap multiplier event, a vibrant gathering that brought together 31 women from diverse backgrounds, including trainers, educators, and institutional representatives. The event served as a platform to showcase the project's results and foster meaningful discussions on gender equality in education and beyond.



- **Highlights of the Agenda:**

1. **Awareness and Context:** Presentations explored the current gender gap in Spain and the educational strategies needed to overcome it.
2. **Showcasing Results:** The project's two-year journey was shared, highlighting its MOOC, toolkit, and other resources aimed at empowering women.





3. **Interactive Session:** Participants engaged in dynamic debates and shared experiences, focusing on financial literacy and entrepreneurial initiatives as critical competencies.

- **Key Speakers:** Cécile Sauvage and Pilar Aguado, representing MEUS, led the sessions with impactful insights and facilitated vibrant discussions.
- **Participant Feedback:** Attendees praised the event for its informative content and the opportunity to collaborate and exchange ideas. Many expressed their intent to integrate the project's tools into their professional practices.

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### A Shared Commitment to Change

Both the piloting activities and the multiplier event underscored Mend the Gap's core mission: to provide women with the skills and confidence needed to challenge systemic inequities. These events were more than mere checkpoints; they were celebrations of collective action, resilience, and the transformative power of education.

Stay tuned as Mend The Gap builds on these successes to create a future where gender equality in education is not just a goal but a reality.

