

# DIAMOND Successfully Completes First Reporting Period

*DIAMOND Project Marks Major Milestone: First Review Period Successfully Completed with Over 1,500 Participants Surveyed*

BARCELONA, SPAIN, June 23, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [DIAMOND](#) consortium is pleased to announce the successful conclusion of its first official reporting period. Following the 15 months of intensive research and technical development, the project has transitioned from strategic groundwork to tangible results, providing new insights into the employability of vulnerable individuals across Europe.

Funded by the European Union's Horizon Europe programme, DIAMOND is building a data-driven ecosystem to bridge the gap between individual potential and the evolving labour market.



Turning Data into Empowerment: The eGROW Index

The first reporting period focused heavily on the development of the Employability Growth Index (eGROW) - <https://diamond-empower.eu/e-grow-index/> . Unlike traditional assessment tools, eGROW is a human-centric taxonomy that measures both "Empowerment Capabilities" (such as self-efficacy and learning styles) and "Transformative Capabilities" (proficiency in digital and green skills).

Key achievements in this period include:

-Large-Scale Data Collection: The consortium has successfully conducted extensive cross-country surveys, reaching a significant number of participants across Europe. This data has already

provided the first empirical insights into knowledge gaps regarding the green and digital transitions.

-Validation of the iGROW Index: Initial research has confirmed the iGROW Index's potential to accurately predict and explain an individual's employability potential.

-Scientific Framework: A systematic literature review was completed, identifying eight core dimensions of employability, including Social Skills, Emotional Intelligence, and Adaptability.

### Building the Digital Hub: The MOVE Platform

A significant technical milestone was reached with the creation of the MOVE (Modular and Versatile Platform for Engagement and Employability) prototype. MOVE serves as the project's multi-sided ecosystem where AI-supported recommendations will match users with tailored upskilling programmes (micro-credentials) based on their unique iGROW profile. The underlying learning platform and data pool are now established, setting the stage for future pilot implementations.

### Strategic Groundwork for Economic Impact

While the first phase focused on tool development, DIAMOND has also laid the foundation for future econometric cost-benefit analyses. This will eventually allow the project to demonstrate the micro- and macro-economic effects of re-skilling programmes, providing policymakers with a unique stochastic life-cycle model for social inclusion.

### Alignment with Global Goals

DIAMOND's progress directly contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically:

- SDG 4 (Quality Education): By providing accessible micro-credentials

<https://globalgoals.org/goals/4-quality-education/>

- SDG 5 (Gender Equality): Ensuring inclusive access to career growth

<https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal5>

- SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth): Strengthening economic resilience through

improved skills strategies <https://globalgoals.org/goals/8-decent-work-and-economic-growth/>

### Future Outlook

As the project moves into its second reporting period, the focus will shift toward active Social Innovation Experiments. This will involve deeper collaboration with grassroots organizations to test re-skilling programmes in real-world environments. While the early stages focused on awareness and framework building, the next phase will prioritize the uptake of these validated results to influence European labour market policies.

About DIAMOND:

DIAMOND is a European Research Executive Agency (REA)-funded project that aims to empower vulnerable individuals and promote social inclusion. The project is led by Aarhus University and involves a consortium of partners from across Europe.

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