

ACT4CONSENT

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Looking Back on Our Journey

As the Act4Consent project draws to a close, we reflect on two years of powerful conversations, innovative training, and deep collaboration across Europe. Our mission has been to support schools in building safe, respectful environments where consent is understood, practiced, and taught, not just as a topic, but as a way of relating to others.

Over the course of the project, partners from Germany, Portugal, Bulgaria, Croatia, Ireland, France, and Greece worked together to develop and test practical resources that empower educators, students, and parents to talk about consent in meaningful and age-appropriate ways.

Piloting Activities with Teachers, Students, and Parents

Throughout 2025, Act4Consent piloting activities took place in partner countries, with schools and community organisations testing the newly developed resources in real-life contexts.

What We Learned from Educators:

- Greater confidence: Teachers reported feeling more equipped to address consent with students, thanks to clear definitions, practical tips, and ready-to-use activities.
- Creative methods work: Drama and storytelling tools stood out as especially effective in opening up dialogue, even around challenging or sensitive topics.
- Challenges remain: Educators continue to face barriers such as limited time in curricula, parental resistance, and discomfort with navigating conversations on sexuality or power.

What We Learned from Students and Parents:

- Students appreciated active learning: Role plays, theatre activities, and open discussions helped young people engage deeply with the topic. Many said they would share what they learned with friends and peers.
- Parents welcomed support: Many parents admitted struggling to start conversations around consent at home. The tipsheets and videos were praised as practical and accessible.
- A first for many families: For most participants, this was their first time exploring consent in a structured setting, and the experience led to reflection, awareness, and a desire to keep the dialogue going.



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ACT4CONSENT in Action: Multiplier Events

To mark the culmination of the project, Multiplier Events were held in each country, bringing together students, teachers, school staff, youth workers, and parents to explore the Act4Consent tools and celebrate the collective impact of the work.

Highlights:

- Hands-on engagement: Drama activities and storytelling simulations proved especially popular, with young people saying they felt “seen” and “heard” in these exercises.
- Teacher enthusiasm: Many educators expressed eagerness to integrate the materials into their existing wellbeing or citizenship programmes.
- Sustainability secured: In some partner countries, further education days were scheduled beyond the project’s lifetime, ensuring the resources will continue to benefit school networks.

Despite varying formats and audiences, all events showed a common thread: consent education matters, and when done right, it resonates.

What We’re Leaving Behind

Through Act4Consent, we’ve created a suite of free, practical resources:

- Continuing Professional Development (CPD) training for school staff
- Drama and storytelling toolkit for use in classrooms
- Tipsheets and explainer videos for parents and students
- A flexible MOOC (online course) for educators across Europe

These are all available on the Act4Consent online platform and can be adapted for different cultural, linguistic, or school contexts.



Impact at a Glance

- The Act4Consent project reached hundreds of educators, parents, and students across six countries.
- Participants reported increased awareness, skills, and confidence when it comes to discussing and teaching consent.
- The drama- and storytelling-based methods used in the project were consistently praised for making abstract concepts feel real and relatable.
- Schools and communities are committed to continuing the work beyond the project, with some follow-up events already scheduled.



Why it Matters



Consent education is often overlooked or misunderstood. Act4Consent helped:

- Demystify the concept of consent through everyday examples
- Bridge the gap between home and school conversations
- Give young people space to reflect, speak, and listen

Explore our Tools and Training

Project Website



MOOC

