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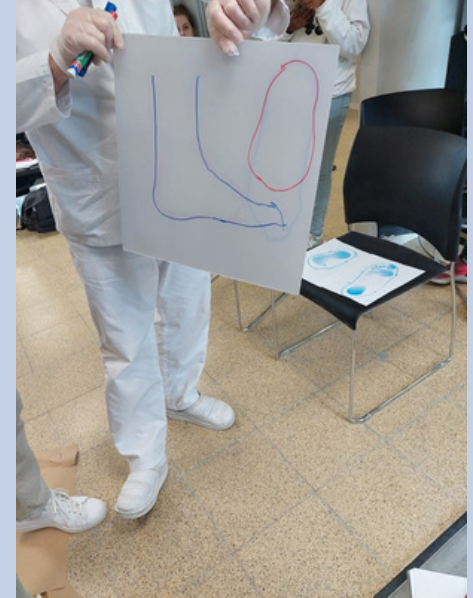


PRosthetic and **OR**thotic specialist **MO**dules for higher education **T**raining in **E**urope

PROMOTE aims to unify Prosthetics and Orthotics (P&O) education in Europe.

We provide a modular program, a standardized competency framework based on European Qualification Framework, and continuous professional development to meet market demands, bridging gaps and fostering professional growth in P&O.

Project Partners:



Partial Foot Amputation PROMOTE Pilot course

Another pilot course of the PROMOTE project has successfully come to an end. This pilot, "Partial Foot Amputation" was a blended-learning course centered around foot prosthetic design and development, with both theoretical lessons and hands-on experience. Skilled ortho-prosthetic professionals from Human Studies guided our participants on how to produce foot prostheses ensuring that the solutions designed are practical, efficient and patient-centered.

Over the 6-weeks theoretical lessons, participants had the opportunity to expand their knowledge on foot amputation and all related biomechanical aspects, via letters, videos, audio lessons and infographics. All study material was available in the Moodle platform of PROMOTE, where students could interact with the online facilitators to ask questions and have a better understanding of the theoretical concepts.



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But the most exciting part came when 12 of the students gathered together with invited patients for the practical week in the labs of Thomas More in Geel (Belgium). With complete access to large clinical rooms, tools and machineries, the students had the opportunity to apply the theoretical concepts and design a custom prosthetic foot for their client. Although they all were University students without professional and practical experience, they successfully managed to complete their task, thanks to the dedicated guidance of our teachers and facilitators.

The course was greatly appreciated by all the students, who provided positive feedback and suggestion to further improve it. Els Moris, who attended the course as part of the PROMOTE team, confirmed the students' opinion: *"This week was a rollercoaster: students will be slower in their work than professionals, so they needed to work very hard to keep up with the pace we had foreseen. But almost everyone succeeded in finalising their device and fitting it to the patient. Most students were very happy with the course, and asked us for options to do this again in the future on other topics."*

The course may have ended, but we are excited about the positive impacts it will have on the careers and lives of our participants. As a mission of the PROMOTE project, we have taken significant effort towards empowering professionals in the ortho-prosthetic field, fostering connections and engagement across different expertise and educational levels. This endeavor would not have been possible without the dedication and passion of our participants, partners, and supporters.



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