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Carlota Las Hayas Rodriguez, principal investigator of UPRIGHT

**Objectives**

To co-create an innovative resilience programme for adolescents, their families and schools.

To validate the effectiveness of the programme in improving resilience and mental well-being.

To provide scientific evidence on specific resilience factors that contribute to promote good mental health and well-being.

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Adolescents have the opportunity to learn diverse skills and strategies to help them understand themselves, their families, their future and their societies. Resilience skills are relevant and meaningful for adolescents, and teachers play a role in helping their students explore them.

UPRIGHT seeks the involvement of parents and the school community to foster adolescent mental well-being. Safe and supportive families are essential if we are to help young people to develop their full potential and attain the best mental and physical health during their transition into adulthood.

The programme will be implemented and evaluated at 5 Pilot sites across Europe, representing different regions and income countries.

The UPRIGHT programme is based on four main components; coping, efficacy, social and emotional learning and mindfulness. Each one is important for well-being and is applicable in many areas of life.

The UPRIGHT web platform, uprightprogram.eu, is an online environment offering access to the UPRIGHT programme materials for families, teachers and school staff and local communities. The material is available in Spanish, Euskara, Italian, Danish, Icelandic and Polish.

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