ADLAB PRO – a snapshot of audio description training practices in Europe

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Study objectives

- IO1: Assessment of Current AD Training Practices
 - to create a snapshot of the current AD training situation in Europe
 - to study the problematic areas involved in the definition of the professional profile and in the development of a curriculum
 - 2 stages: quantitative and qualitative



Questionnaire design

- Instructions
- General questions about the teacher
- Questions for academic courses
- Questions for non-academic courses
- General questions: competences and soft skills



Questionnaire distribution

- Online via Instant.ly (English version)
- Translations into the respondents' mother tongue provided where necessary
- Accessible version provided where necessary

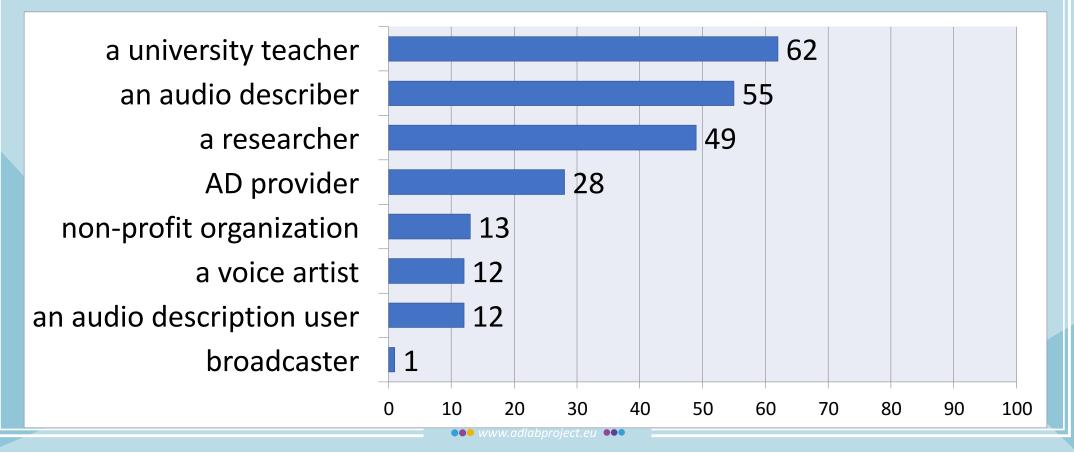


Responses

- 86 respondents
- 192 courses sampled
 - 93 academic courses (>2000 participants)
 - 99 non-academic courses (>1600 participants)



Respondent profile: teachers are practitioners



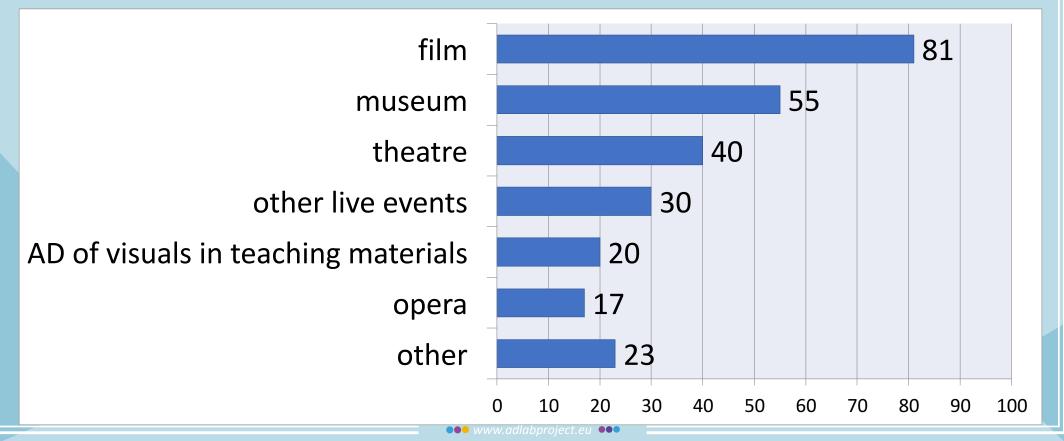


Cooperation with VIPs: AD training is inclusive



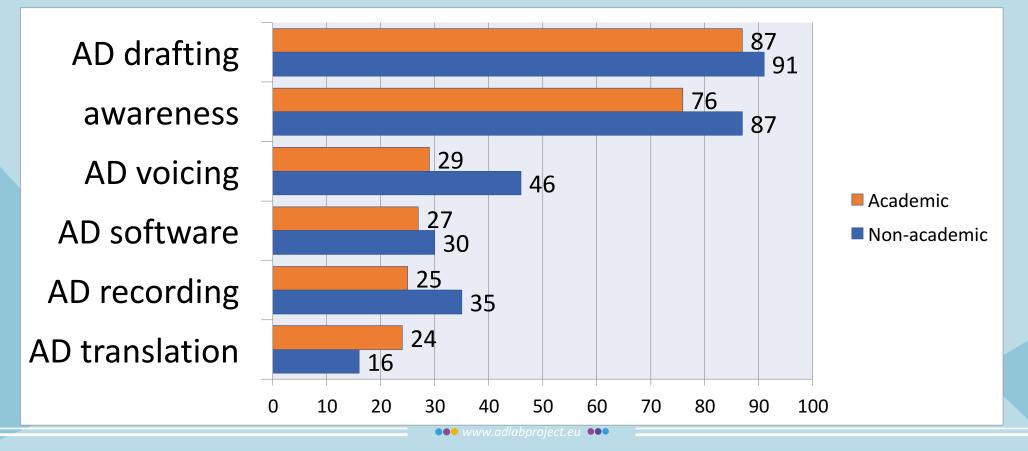


AD teaching by type: film is the king





Academic vs. non-academic courses: skills





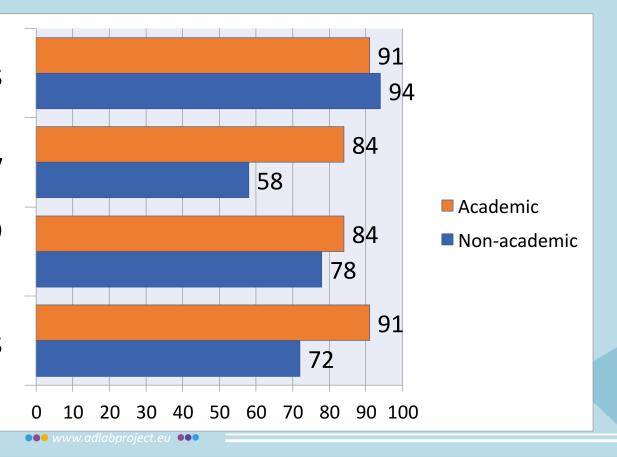
Academic vs. non-academic courses: activities

practical exercises

presentation of AD theory

discussion of AD guidelines

analysing existing ADs





Competences in AD training

choosing information to describe
perfect use of mother tongue
needs of the visually impaired
choosing AD strategies
technical aspects
knowledge of arts
vocal skills
IT related skills
reflecting filmic language in AD



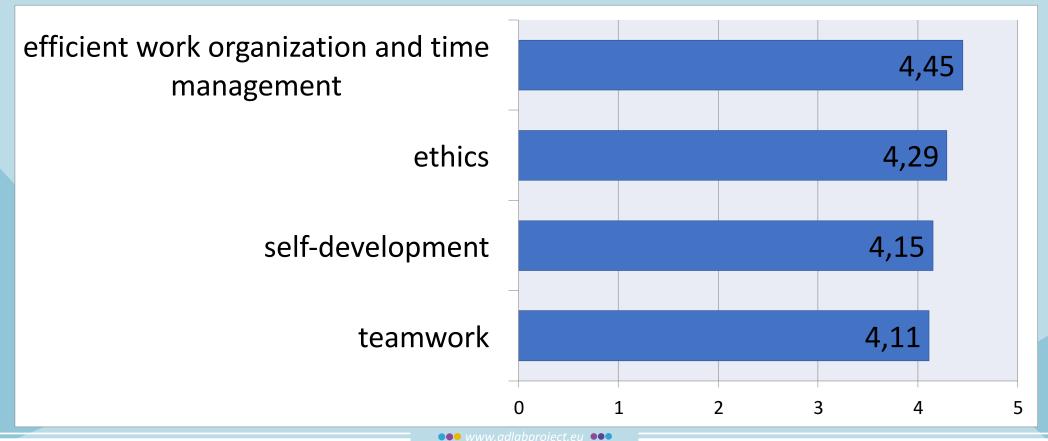


Competences in AD training





Transferrable skills in AD training





Conclusions

- Teachers are practitioners who cooperate with VIPs
- Film AD taught most often
- Few statistically significant differences between academic and non-academic courses
- Academic courses are practice-oriented
- Vocal skills more important in non-academic courses



More to come

- A qualitative study
- Analysis of AD course materials
- In-depth interviews with AD teachers
- Both quantitative and qualitative studies = a picture of AD teaching situation in Europe



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