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Improving Upskilling Pathways and Increasing Lifelong Learning Opportunities for Adult Learners

On December 2016, the Council of the European Union adopted the Recommendation of Upskilling Pathways, an ambitious policy addressing the learning needs of many people in Europe to acquire a minimum level of literacy, numeracy and digital skills and acquire a broader set of skills towards an upper secondary qualification or equivalent.

People with low basic skills have fewer job chances and face a higher risk for poverty, worse health, they participate less in society, and have little sense of self-efficacy. This makes it absolutely necessary to increase participation in adult learning.

Mission

Partner UP aims at improving the implementation of Upskilling Pathways for the benefit of adult learners and increasing their participation in lifelong learning opportunities. The project not only targets a key feature of the Recommendation of Upskilling Pathways but also provides a crucial basis for the European Skills Agenda as it overlaps with other sectors but also will build on cooperations that are important for other areas of the Skills Agenda. It is also the basis for the Renewed Agenda for adult learning. The Agenda is the European policy for a comprehensive adult learning concept and strategy for Europe, which needs the basic skills approach of Upskilling Pathways, so close cooperation and alignment with the outcomes of the Partner UP project will make the most of the results.

Specific Objectives

- Engage in peer learning with the other partners about what works well in their contexts/countries.
- Analysis of existing and missing cooperation mechanisms and stakeholders.
- Enable meetings between relevant stakeholders and agree on cooperations.
- Develop implementation plans for further stakeholder engagement and cooperation.
- Share experiences and outcomes of the project at the national level, in Europe, with relevant institutions and organisations.



Results

Stakeholder Analysis

Research and analysis will take place to identify gaps and opportunities in adult learning, as well as best practices to reach out and support adult learners with lower level of formal qualifications.

Development Groups

Consultations will take place in partner countries with major stakeholders of adult learning to enhance cooperation, enable trust building and initiate a discussion on how to improve the implementation of Upskilling Pathways.

Study visits / peer learning

Online and face-to-face study visits with peer learning activities will take place during the project, aiming to the exchange of knowledge and best practices, get to know of different structures in partner countries and ways of engagement of the partners, stakeholders and the adult learners.

Implementation Plans

The project will develop Implementation, with road maps towards new cooperation mechanisms for the successful implementation of Upskilling Pathways, based on the previous results and actions of the project.

Methodology

Partner UP's methodology is guided by the principles of democracy and participation, efficiency, sustainability and transferability, evidence-based research and analysis, achievability, and flexibility to ensure that partners work together effectively and create solutions that are relevant and transferable.

Partners

- European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA) - Europe
- Centre for the Advancement of Research & Development in Educational Technology (CARDET) - Cyprus
- Latvian Adult Education Association (LAEA) - Latvia
- Agency for Vocational Education and Training and Adult Education - Croatia
- ASOCIATIA EURO ADULT EDUCATION - Romania
- European University Continuing Education Network (EUCEN) - International
- Hellenic Adult Education Association - Greece
- AONTAS – Ireland
- Adult Education Institution Dante - Croatia
- FORMA.Azione - Italy
- The State Education Development Agency (VIAA) - Latvia



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