

Organisation: Romanian Institute for Adult Education

Meeting: Basket kick off meeting

Host organisation: VOX

Date: 10th -11th of October 2011

Location: Oslo, Norway

I. Reflections

What were the most useful experiences?

The whole meeting itself can be considered a very useful experience for the good functioning of the partnership, but also referring to the adult education field we are investigating in this project, which is professional development of basic skills trainers. More precisely, can be said that the selection of the three discussion topics and the division of partners in three working groups was very productive and useful, as generated very good research ideas, which we decided to use as guidelines for the country reports and also as discussion topics for the forthcoming Basket meetings.

What can be considered as examples of good practices?

As examples of good practices can be taken into consideration the presentations made by our partner Vox, regarding validation of prior learning, literacy profiles, policy and practice in adult education, and especially the presentation on teacher training in basic skills, which had a clear focus on the project theme, being a very good example on how it is done in Norway.

What did you learn that is similar or different from policy and practice in your own country?

Based on the working group discussions, I could find out that there are some differences between my country and the other partner countries, mainly regarding the meaning and use of basic skills, which can be a combination of reading, writing, speaking, listening and math, also ICT and other key competences. Also, some of the countries have national standards for basic skills while others, including

Romania, don't have. These are only a few examples of the many similarities and differences between countries resulted from the group discussions.

What conclusions can be drawn from the experiences of the meeting?

Overall, the meeting was successful and productive in the sense of establishing further steps and tasks to be done within the project, but also offered us a better perspective of what professional development of basic skills trainers means in each of the partner countries.

What recommendation can be made based on the experiences and discussions of the meeting

- ***at EU level;***
- ***at national policy making level;***
- ***at institutional level***

Since is only the beginning of the project and haven't done so far any concrete mapping or research of this issue, there are few recommendations to be made at this moment with relevance for the partnership. Still, there are many points we agreed on to be investigated, and definitely we can talk about concrete recommendations after having all the country reports.