

*Organisation: German Institute for Institute for Adult Education. Leibniz Centre for Lifelong Learning*

*Meeting: BASKET – Kick-off meeting*

*Host organisation: VOX*

*Date: October 10-11, 2011*

*Location: Oslo, Norway*

## **I. Reflections**

### **What were the most useful experiences?**

For me the most useful experiences were to hear about the developments in the field of literacy and basic education in different European countries. I got a lot of information concerning approaches, policy strategies and programmes.

We had interesting discussions on different topics e.g. the situation in professional development of basic skills teachers. We also tried to identify successful and transferable pedagogical issues, didactical models and tools regarding the training of basic skill teachers.

As the kick-off meeting took place in Oslo, we focused on the situation in Norway. I very much enjoyed a session when almost all colleagues of the "Department of basic skills, VOX" joined us and when they told about their goals and mission. They gave further presentations on e.g. "Accreditation/ Validation of prior learning in Norway" or „Adult trainers' trainingTeacher training for high quality courses in basic skills". So we got a deeper insight in the situation in Norway.

Furthermore I would like to mention that I very much appreciate the initial work done by VOX in order to establish the GRUNDTVIG Learning Partnership.

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

In some countries e.g. England or Norway there are established national strategies and policies and programmes for learners are (partially) funded by the government. There are also several national bodies or agencies who are responsible for the development of literacy and basic education.

Concerning professionalization of practitioners we realized that there are a lot of common problems and challenges. The practitioners e.g. have to improve their competences and their knowledge.

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

From my point of view the meeting was very beneficial. The exchange with the other experts provided an insight into the developments and strategies of different countries. The comparisons offer helpful suggestions for further development in Germany.

### **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**

We had just the kick-off meeting but in Germany there are discussions at the moment how to strengthen literacy and basic education. *The German Institute for Institute for Adult Education* is involved in the process and we will benefit from BASKET. We will refer to strategies, policies and experiences we talked about in the meeting.

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