

Organisation: **NRDC**
Meeting: **Timisoara**
Host organisation: **IREA**
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Location: **University of Timisoara**

The meeting in Timisoara, in common with all of the meetings so far in the BASKET Learning Partnership, was well organised, informative and rich in discussion. However, Timisoara was different to the other meetings in that it was far more focused on the formal outcomes of the partnership than previous meetings. We dedicated considerable time across the two days to discussing how we should organise our recommendations and what these should include. We ensured that a full record was kept of the discussions in groups and in plenary and that next steps, in terms of developing the recommendations, were agreed. The contribution of the Scottish partners in organising the discussions and the recording of the outcomes of those discussions was most helpful.

Aside from the progress made in developing the recommendations, we were given a fascinating insight into the Romanian system for adult basic skills through presentations from Simona Sava on the national system for the professionalisation of adult educators and Maria Toia on the validation of teachers' competences as an alternative route to becoming an adult basic skills teacher.

In the discussions about the recommendations it became clear that they will be used in different ways in the partner countries and that certain elements are of a higher priority to some partners than others. However, all agreed on the overall shape of the recommendations and the broad areas that should be covered. A number of specific recommendations were also agreed with the detail of others left for agreement in Budapest.

The success of the meeting in Timisoara was evidence of the excellent working relationship that has developed in the BASKET partnership. We were successful in defining our objectives for the two days and in completing the necessary work. The sessions that we held concerning the recommendations were focused and moved our discussions on considerably.

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