



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme



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Grundtvig/Leonardo da Vinci Contact seminar

“ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN LIFELONG LEARNING”

6 – 9 October 2011

Hotel LARIX, Kranjska Gora, Slovenia

Practical details

Registration: 30 June 2011

Host: CMEPIUS, LLP Slovene National Agency

Fee: 550 € (funding available – Grundtvig/Leonardo da Vinci Preparatory visits – contact your National Agency)

Introduction

The main aim of the seminar is to bring together representatives of all institutions working with adults with special needs (the focus of the seminar will be **on blind, deaf, mentally and physically disabled**) across Europe in order to meet prospective partners, develop project idea and get advice on how to transform project idea into good quality application for funding. The seminar will be accompanied with the international conference on the same topic in organisation with the Association of Slovene Adult Education Centres.

The Theme

Despite modern legislation and policy proposals at European level, people with disabilities and their families still face social exclusion and discrimination in their everyday lives. Therefore also in the LLP the persons with special needs are an important target group, offering several different possibilities to address their needs: mobility, partnerships and development projects. This target group needs different approaches and methods, to raise awareness of their particular needs, and problems faced to increase their numbers taking part in education and training.

We would like to offer all interested in inclusion of adults with special needs into education and training to exchange their experiences, ideas and methods at the seminar, to initiate new projects helping this vulnerable target group to become better prepared for their everyday life.

Actions

The National agency will facilitate match-making between international partners and together with the representative of EACEA present opportunities offered by LLP. There are many ways how to increase cooperation through European grants, including:

- **Mobility of individuals** (Leonardo Mobility projects, Grundtvig individual grants, Study visits);
- **Partnerships** (multilateral cooperation of institutions);
- **Multilateral projects and networks** (concrete and innovative results/products).

International mobility is an important opportunity for educational institutions, as well as for individuals. It allows the individual to gain (or test) valuable and specific skills abroad. It enables the educational institutions to enrich their offer and reach out to the markets.

Partnerships (multilateral cooperation from at least 3 different countries) aim to enable participants to work with partners from across Europe to share practice, discuss problems and compare solutions on a particular topic. They can cover any topic in adult and VET education and training.

Multilateral projects and networks are undertaken by institutions from different participating countries working together, pooling knowledge and experience, in order to achieve concrete and innovative results/products with indisputable European value. In many cases, this will involve piloting experiences in strategic areas, producing teaching products of high quality and improving the quality of training systems through the development of innovative contents, methods and procedures. Within Leonardo program such transnational co-operation projects are called Transfer (**TOI**) or Development (**DOI**) of innovation and are aimed at improving the quality of training systems through the development or transfer of innovative contents.

Working language

The working language of the seminar will be ENGLISH.

Aims

With this contact seminar we aim to:

- stimulate the development of new projects,
- facilitate the exchange of experiences between participants and focus on the quality aspects of implementing LLP projects,
- contribute to the transfer of experiences between the participants in the Grundtvig / Leonard da Vinci programme.

Programme

The three day programme will start with an international conference on the same topic “**Adults with special needs in lifelong learning**” where European and national developments in the field will be presented together with the good practices from LLP and other national programmes, projects. At the end of the conference day, an informal European fair will give opportunity to all the participants will introduce each other (if not before). Presentation stands will be set up for each of the participating county and will remain there for the rest of the event.

The second and the third day will be dedicated to creation of new project proposals and presentation of the project’s ideas.

Costs, funding and application

The fee for participation is 550 €, covering 4-nights' accommodation, meals, programme costs, seminar material and participation in cultural events. Payment of the fee is to be made prior to attendance at the seminar. Each participant will receive an invoice.

How do I apply for funding?

To attend a contact seminar, your organization shall apply for a Preparatory visit grant. For detailed information on grant information in grant application form, deadlines and any other requirements applicable at national level, please contact the National Agency in your country. There will be approximately 60 participants from across Europe.

How do I register for the Contact Seminar

If your Preparatory Visit grant application is selected for funding, please fill in on-line application form available at <http://www1.cmeplus.si/grundtvig-leonardo-contact-seminar.aspx>.

Date and location

The seminar will start on Thursday morning October 6th and finish on Saturday evening October 8th 2011.

The location of the meeting will be in Kranjska Gora (Hotel Larix), which is half an hour drive from the airport Jože Pučnik Ljubljana.

Accommodation will be in same hotel <http://www.hitholidays-kg.si/Accommodation/Hotel-Larix>.

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Travel to Slovenia

More information for travelling by:

Air: <http://www.lju-airport.si/eng/default.asp>

Train: <http://www.slo-zeleznice.si/en/>

Car: <http://www.amzs.si/?jezik=1033>

About Slovenia

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