

Invitation

Grundtvig Contact Seminar and EBSN Conference

TEACHING OF BASIC SKILLS

Norway, 26 – 29 October, 2011

Registration: 1. September, 2011

Hosts: SIU, Norwegian National Agency for the Lifelong Learning Programme
in cooperation with the European Basic Skills Network, EBSN

Fee: € 550 (apply for funding through your national Grundtvig Agency)

The Theme

The need to enhance adults' basic skills has been on the political agenda in most European countries over the last decades – in literacy and numeracy as well as ICT and second language learning. And there is a growing understanding for the importance of the professional competence of teachers as a condition for better quality of basic skills training. The theme of the conference will be professionalization of basic skills teachers and will be followed up with a contact seminar between European institutions involved in teachers' training.

Programme

The conference

The first day of the event will consist of a basic skills conference, providing relevant input and discussing the latest trends within the field. The conference programme will include a presentation of current challenges and trends in the provision of continuous professional development for teachers and trainers engaged in basic skills training for adults. It will also feature an introduction to the aims and strategy of the European Basic Skills Network and how the Grundtvig programme can be used to develop basic skills training (programme attached).

The contact seminar

The following days will focus on networking and workshops, hopefully resulting in the birth of several new projects. The contact seminar will focus on the teaching of adult literacy and numeracy, the teaching of digital competence to adults, the teaching of alphabetisation (initial literacy for immigrants) and the teaching of second language to immigrants.

Cultural events will also be arranged. The final programme of the contact seminar will include a short draft proposal of background and rationale of possible partnerships on each of the sub-themes. This will help the participants to choose the theme they are most interested in. When registering, the participants will be asked to indicate their choice of workshop.

Aims

The vision of the organisers is to contribute to the creation of several applications for learning partnerships or multilateral projects with the goal of creating ICT courses for teachers and trainers of basic skills for adults.

Target Groups

Participants might be basic skills trainers, decision makers at national, regional and municipal level, educational contacts from social partners, researchers and advocacy institutions active in the field or come from educational institutions focusing on basic skills for adults, research institutions studying the field of basic skills for adults or NGOs active in the field.

Working Language

The working language of the contact seminar will be English.

Costs, Funding and Application

The fee for participation is € 550, covering three nights' accommodation, meals, programme costs, seminar material and participation in cultural events. Each participant will receive an invoice.

How do I apply for Funding?

To attend a contact seminar, your organisation should apply for a Preparatory visit grant. For detailed information, the grant application form, deadlines and any other requirements applicable at national level, please contact the National LLP Agency in your country.

How do I register for the Contact Seminar?

You can find the application form and the programme on the Contact Seminar/Conference [home page](#).

Date and Location

The seminar will start in the afternoon on the 26th of October and it will finish by lunch on the 29th. The seminar will be held at the [Rica Park Hotel](#) in Sandefjord, 120 kilometres south of Oslo. The closest airport is Sandefjord Torp Airport (TRF), which is frequented by Ryan Air, but it might be easier to find suitable tickets to Oslo Airport, Gardermoen (OSL). Trains leave frequently from the Oslo railway station.

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