

Implementation of the European Agenda for Adult Learning 2012-2014 – The Republic of Croatia

The overall aim of the project is to promote adult education in Croatia and to raise awareness about importance of lifelong learning thus increasing participation in adult education and improving the effectiveness of adult education in Croatia.

In order to do this, the project's specific objectives are:

- Raising public awareness about the role and importance of adult education,
- Promoting the benefits of adult education and boosting and raising participation in adult education programs,
- Encouraging cooperation between stakeholders and establishing a network of stakeholders at national and local level to improve the quality of adult education,
- Introduction to European policies and strategic documents (European Agenda for Adult Learning) and opening process for developing adult learning policy documents at national and local level,
- Active promotion of key competencies
- Dissemination of expertise and best practices about the importance of the acquisition of key competencies
- Preparation of draft program for the acquisition of key competencies.

The target groups are:

- a) local authorities: municipalities, cities and counties;
- b) state administration offices;
- c) employers;
- d) trade unions, NGOs and other representatives of the NGO sector;
- e) adult educators, adult education institutions, pedagogical associations and experts
- f) government bodies and relevant government agencies,
- g) general public, but especially people with incomplete primary education, with low qualification, long-term unemployed persons, minorities and other disadvantaged groups

Through promotional activities the project will encourage unemployed low skilled, people without basic qualifications and other socially disadvantaged groups to undertake learning activities in order to improve their lives. Furthermore, the project will involve experts and provider on adult education with the aim to create expert and policy documents with recommendations on the development of adult education system in Croatia.

We expect to raise awareness among the general public about the importance of adult education in modern-day society and to involve all stakeholders (employers, trade unions, representatives of local authorities) in making a network for increasing quality of adult education in Croatia by planning and implementing adult education policies with the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports. We also expect to spread awareness about the importance of key competencies among general population and to strengthen institutions for adult education by developing support network at local level.

One of the outcomes product of the project will be a network for increasing quality of adult education in every region in Croatia, draft program/module for the acquisition of key competencies for lifelong learning as a part of adult education curricula and a Manual with Conclusions and recommendations for the development of adult education in Croatia as one of the preconditions for development of new Croatian Adult Education Act.

The project has so far:

- a) Printed of promotional materials: 1.000 brochures, 30.000 leaflets, 500 posters and purchase of 200 promotional items,
- b) Createated of a new website: www.obrazovanje-odraslih.hr
- c) Organised 1 Coordinating meeting
- d) Organised 14 Panels titled "I know so I can" (in total in 25 Croatian towns and cities)
- e) Study visits to Norway and Austria
- f) 2 sets of workshops for drafting program for the acquisition of key competencies.
- g) Worked on Promotional video and audio material (for broadcasting on national and local media)

And is moving towards:

- Organising 2 more Coordinating meetings
- Organised 11 more Panels titled "I know so I can" (in total in 25 Croatian towns and cities)
- Study visit to Ireland
- Broadcasting on national and local media promotional video and audio material
- Printing of manual (500 copies) with the conclusions and recommendations for the development of adult education policy
- Final international conference on "Europe of knowledge and the role of adult education" in which the results and conclusions of the project will be presented
- Related to raising public awareness about the role and importance of adult education and active promotion of key competencies we continue to distribute flyers, posters, writing pad with folder and brochures on panels

- Related to promoting the benefits of adult education and boosting greater participation in adult education programs we plan to broadcast promotional material on national TV and audio broadcasts of promotional materials at local radio stations
- Related to encouraging cooperation between stakeholders and establishing a network of stakeholders at national and local level to improve the quality of adult education we plan to have 2 more coordinating meetings for group of social partners at national level
- Related to introduction to European policies and strategic documents (European Agenda for Adult Learning) and opening process for developing adult learning policy documents at national and local level we plan to achieve these objectives through 2 coordinating meetings left at national level and 11 left panels discussion "I know, therefore I can"
- Related to dissemination of expertise and best practices about the importance of the acquisition of key competencies we plan to introduce Norwegian, Austrian and Irish adult education policy specially focused on basic skills training on coordinating meetings and panels in every county; the theme is going to be introduced at international conference by the end of the project
- Preparation of draft program for the acquisition of key competencies will be achieved at 2 sets of workshops and presented in the Manual