

Implementation of the European Agenda for Adult Learning 2012-2014 – Liechtenstein

Objectives of the project

Based on previous work and analysis in the field of adult education in Liechtenstein, we know that high-qualified people continue their studies often and with pleasure. People with lack of basic skills need incentives for her motivation to learn new skills. For people with low educational level, the inhibition threshold for a course registration is often quite high and in addition the training opportunities are currently in their content and their speed usually very demanding, as these courses already require basic skills. The primary goal is therefore to improve the access to lifelong learning and to motivate disadvantaged and low skilled people to participate in education. With our project we expand the existing courses and establish missing courses in basic skills (literacy, numeracy, ICT, foreign language skills, active citizenship). A professional counselling centre facilitates the entry of the target group in education and supervises the further educational pathway.

We also carry out awareness-raising courses (sensitisation courses for intermediaries). The courses are for professionals who are in touch with the target group (national departments, communities, associations, medical services etc.). Education for vulnerable social groups must be very inexpensive and affordable for everyone. Therefore, we develop a concept for the delivery of education vouchers. The vouchers will be charged to the regular budget of Adult Education Liechtenstein. They are distributed for free, also after the project ends. With this project we will demonstrate the great importance of adult education in the educational landscape. A stronger, innovative and systematic promotion of adult-oriented form of education is the key point for the realization of lifelong learning.

The project has so far:

- Four working groups are formed which are involved throughout the whole project duration: National Authorities; Economic and Industrial Chamber, Trade Union; Providers; Teachers, Trainers.
- Three workshops within each of the four working group.
- Realised two awareness-raising courses.
- Build up a professional counselling centre.
- Developed and implemented a concept of education vouchers.
- Successfully completed the first module in literacy.

And it's moving towards:

- Realising a least one more awareness-raising course.
- Realising more modules.
- Establish the newly build up course offer in the field of adult education. Ensure the continuation and the sustainability of this course offer, by convincing the national authorities about the need and the relevance.
- Strengthen the position of adult learning in the field of education.