

Implementation of the European Agenda for Adult Learning 2012-2014 - Norway

The purpose of this project is to contribute to the European Agenda by increasing the quality and impact of basic skills training for adults in Norway.

To do this, the very first step needed to be gathering all the main stakeholders in basic skills provision in the country so as to create a consensus about the need to focus on quality in this field. The project consortium is satisfied that this initial objective has already been achieved. Four of the main stakeholders in this sector in Norway, representing the national authorities for formal adult education, the educational NGOs, the municipalities' learning centres and the employment authorities, have been gathered to formally constitute the project's Core Group, working in close cooperation with a Steering Group formed by several directors of departments at Vox.

In addition to this main group of stakeholders, a Reference Group has been created, uniting a whole series of minor stakeholders. Together, the Steering Group + Core Group + Reference Group cover the whole of the fragmented field which is the provision of basic skills training for Norwegian adults. Establishing this arena for synergy is in itself one of the main objectives of the project, and it has already been achieved. The project team has also established a Researcher Group consisting of 5 advisors from Vox departments, including the Project Coordinator of this project.

The application stated that the project would profit from the work done in other European countries. This has happened and will continue to happen through the involvement of the subcontracted European experts. The project coordinators have also kept in touch with the work done in the Commission's Thematic Working Group for Quality in Adult Learning, which has provided very interesting contributions to our work.

The national consortium is in itself a national network of networks, and its contacts with the field, both at policy and practice level, will ensure that the impact of the project's results extend to the whole country. Through our participation in the National Coordinators' Group and in the European Basic Skills Network, as well as in other working groups organized by the Commission, we are confident that we will be able to extend the impact of the project beyond our national borders.

The project has so far

- 1) Gathered all national stakeholders in the field of BS training provision
- 2) Created a common understanding of the importance of focusing on quality and the need for a consistent framework in this field
- 3) Created a matrix identifying quality areas, for further work within the Road Map,
- 4) Created a matrix identifying subsectors for provision, obstacles and challenges

And is moving towards

- 5) Identifying possible scenarios for quality insurance in the field.
- 6) Identifying possible recommendations for a future Quality Framework.