

# Implementation of the European Agenda for Adult Learning 2012-2014 - Slovenia

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**The purpose** of our project is to contribute to the European Agenda and to national endeavours in adult learning at political, professional and practical level by focusing on awareness raising and motivating low educated/skilled and disadvantaged target groups and assist them in finding learning opportunities adequate to their life circumstances and educational needs. Through project activities existing partnerships and networks are demonstrated and strengthened. The work is coordinated by the Slovenian Institute for Adult Education (SIAE), the umbrella national institute for the development and promotion of adult education and learning (ALE) in the country.

Stemming from the expertise gained through 18 editions of the Lifelong Learning Week (LLW), 17 years of presenting awards for outstanding achievements in ALE, and 7 years of the Role Models Attract campaign, we have been using new awareness raising approaches, i.e. local/regional Learning parades – days of learning communities, producing videos on topical issues in Slovenian adult education, exploring the topic of learning communities theoretically and illustrating it through examples of good practice, and setting up an e-corner with relevant information on e-learning and open educational resources. All activities are supported by ICT tools (especially the complex website which covers all project aspects in Slovenian and English language) and promotional materials.

With regard to our national role and the consecutive strong link to policy makers on one hand, and adult education providers on the other hand, our aim has been also to establish and/or reinforce links from policy level down to practice (practitioners and learners), and vice versa, in order to ensure better understanding and communication among all stakeholders, greater synergy and a better match of demand (from learners, ALE providers, economy, society...) and supply (of educational provision, policy measures etc.). In addition to quite frequent professional events taking place in the ALE field (conferences, focus groups etc.) related to different priority fields of the relevant national and EU strategies (especially those financed by ESF), we intended to create different 'meeting places and opportunities' for expressing opinions and introducing actions, informing and motivating, showing results, establishing contacts and recognizing opportunities, widening horizons and acknowledging differences. By doing all this at the local level, we have ensured that special emphasis is being paid to low-qualified adults and educationally deprived groups, i.e. non- and would-be-participants in ALE.

## **The project has so far**

1. Seen the first edition of the **Learning Parade**, i.e. a series of seven one-day events at local level consisting of two parts: a learning festival in a public place, involving various providers of ALE, local and national policy-makers, media, learners and passers-by, and a professional event (conference, seminar, survey etc.), more: <http://llw.acs.si/learningparade>;
2. Created three **video-publications**:
  - a. There are opportunities! Training programmes for the unemployed (<http://llw.acs.si/learningparade/video1>),
  - b. Handmade stories. Rural areas as an opportunity for the development of basic skills and key competences (<http://llw.acs.si/learningparade/video2>),
  - c. Guidance for learning. Educational guidance support for adults (<http://llw.acs.si/learningparade/video3>);
3. Created a definition of learning communities (<http://llw.acs.si/learningparade/communities>);
4. Set up an e-corner with knowledge and learning resources (<http://llw.acs.si/learningparade/ecorner>);

## **And is moving towards**

5. Implementing the second edition of the Learning Parade (May 2014)
6. Producing the last video on learning communities
7. Experiencing more international exchange on awareness raising activities
8. Wrapping-up of activities and disseminating outcomes nationally and internationally



# Learning Parade 2013

Days of Learning Communities May 10-19



Photos from the Learning Parade 2013 venues:

