

# The EBSN Academy



European  
Basic Skills  
Network

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## The vision

- ▶ **The EBSN Academy aims at promoting European excellence in the field of initial and continuous professional training for teachers of basic skills to adults.**



# The opportunity:

Last call for proposals in the LLLP:

Grundtvig Workshops for learners >

Workshops for literacy teachers



# Objectives

- ▶ to give present and future teachers and staff the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the European dimension in teaching adults with literacy problems,
- ▶ to enhance their knowledge of other European countries' education systems and their provision of adult literacy
- ▶ to improve the specific skills they require to teach literacy skills to adults.



# The workshop concept

- ▶ Advantages and possibilities
- ▶ The EBSN Academy: for whom



# Our response:

<b>EBSN Academy</b>	<b>Organized by</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>When</b>
Training the Teacher Trainers – adult literacy and numeracy	NRDC, Institute of Education, University of London, UK	London	10/02/14 – 14/02/14
Quality of delivery of initial literacy for immigrants to Europe: pedagogical approach, methods and materials	ACEFIR, Spain	Girona	05/05/14 – 09/05/14
Evidence-based delivery of literacy training in the digital era	Vox, Norway	Oslo	25/11/13 – 29/11/13
Initial literacy for speakers of other languages: research, policy and practice	Vox, Norway	Oslo,	05/06/14 – 09/06/14
Maths Energizer	NIACE, National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (England and Wales), UK	Northern College, UK	27/04/14 – 03/05/14
La « FAR » (Formation-recherche-action) : une approche innovante pour l'acquisition des savoirs de base et l'émancipation des personnes en situation d'illettrisme et d'analphabétisme	Lire et écrire communautaire Francaise, Belgium	Bruxelles	06/04/14 – 13/04/14



## Results so far

- ▶ At least one, probably two in Oslo
- ▶ Promising: Spain and Luxembourg
- ▶ No luck so far: UK
- ▶ ?? Belgium
- ▶ From doubts to certainty: July



# The coming program

- ▶ Still very unclear, but:
- ▶ Mobility, mobility, mobility
- ▶ In theory for all sectors
- ▶ Not only for students, but also for staff
- ▶ Policy objectives
- ▶ Need to be proactive





## Other possibilities...

... or a threat?

- ▶ **Open call for proposals EAC/S05/2013 - Establishment of a European Policy Network of National Literacy Organisations**



## Intro from the Commission:

More than one in five 15-year-olds in Europe, **as well as many more adults** lack basic reading and writing skills. This makes it harder for them to pursue learning and to find a job, and puts them at risk of social exclusion. Aware of this serious problem, the European Commission has taken action to help improve literacy levels in Europe.



## Objectives:

The objectives of this network are to:

- ▶ develop country specific knowledge;
- ▶ facilitate the exchange of good practice;
- ▶ implement awareness-raising initiatives;
- ▶ cooperate with other institutions and organisations working in the field of literacy both at national and EU level to promote effective literacy policies.



## Target group:

- ▶ *Associations, foundations, national education authorities and other similar bodies working in the field of literacy;*
- ▶ *National literacy centres;*
- ▶ *Ministries of education and/or training;*
- ▶ *Universities, higher education institutions or research centres working in the field of literacy.*



# Practicalities

- ▶ [http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/s0513\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/s0513_en.htm)
- ▶ Deadline: Aug 29th
- ▶ at least 20 LLP participating countries, at least 15 EU Member States.
- ▶ EU budget : EUR 3 000 000 (2013-2015)
- ▶ Contribution from Commission < 75 % of the total eligible costs.



## Situation analysis:

- ▶ Significant overlap, but also differences
- ▶ Empiric knowledge; 10 – 12 consortia
- ▶ The role of AL in the future network
- ▶ Our strategy: ensure representation!



## Your task:

- ▶ Find out who in your country will participate in one of the bids
- ▶ Find out who would like to be in a bid
- ▶ Send info to the EBSN's EC
- ▶ Let's make sure there are at least 3 EBSN institutions in the winning bid.



Gracias

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