

The European Basic Skills Network

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The European Basic Skills Network

- An initiative born within the Working Group for the Commission's Action Plan for Adult Learning
- An independent policy network cooperating with the Commission
- European – and beyond...



A growing network

- Membership: **policy makers and policy providers**
- Status per March 2013: 60 members in 35 countries, some of them outside Europe
- 10 ministries of education represented in the membership (incl the Greek)
- Policy providers: research institutions, national or regional agencies, national advocacy associations



Objectives:

- Contribution to European policy
- Knowledge sharing and creation
- Awareness raising
- Fostering European research and development
- Quality of provision
- Synergy with other educational fields



What skills?

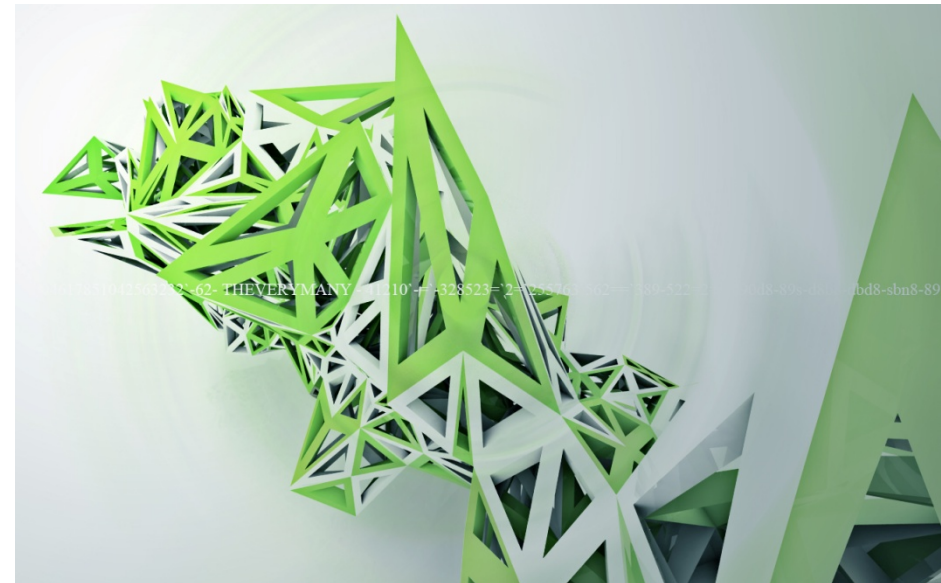
- First things first
 - Literacy, including initial coding/decoding (=alphabetization)
 - Numeracy
 - Oral communication
 - Digital competence
 - 2nd language for immigrants
- Also
 - Learning to learn
 - Entrepreneurship
 - "Soft skills"
 - "Green skills"



Structure

- Charter
- Executive Committee
- General Assembly
- Annual conference
- Secretariat

- Interactive web site
- Social media
- The EBSN Quarterly
- Informal but committed cooperation



Strategies

- Organic growth
- A network of networks
- Synergy and informal cooperation
- A few collaborative projects
- Minimum of burden, maximum results
- Work in progress:
 - Task Force for Policy Briefs (*"Briefer than Brief"*)
 - Cooperation with Grundtvig National Agencies / Grundtvig projects
 - **Cooperation with Commission: Working Group for Quality in AE**
 - **Cooperation with National Coordinators**
 - **EBSN Academy: teacher training**



New priority: CPD for Basic Skills Teachers: the EBSN Academy



- Focus on research on CPD ("*Briefer than Brief*")
- Training the trainers > training and awareness raising for the leadership of the teacher trainers (T1, T2, T3, T4)
- Launching the initiative through the **Grundtvig Workshops for Literacy Teachers**

Coming events:

EBSN 2013,
Madrid, Spain
May 23rd – 25th

Opening doors –
**Developing partnerships for basic
skills training beyond the classroom**



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