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## Towards European Synergies in the field of Basic Skills



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## EBSN aims

- ▶ To improve knowledge exchange regarding the promotion of basic skills among EBSN members.
- ▶ To contribute to the development of an European consensus at policy level regarding the field of basic skills.
- ▶ To contribute to teacher professionalization in the field of basic skills for adults, through the EBSN Academy.



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## Focus on Teacher training – EBSN Academy

- ▶ to strengthen the systems of provision, the quality, and the awareness of the need for professional development of basic skills teachers – taking advantage of the wide experience and knowledge of EBSN members
- ▶ Started 2013 (Grundtvig workshops and Erasmus + mobility projects)
- ▶ Plan for further development of the Academy
- ▶ New structure of the EBSN Academy will be presented in September 2015
- ▶ Short term plans - courses for Policy Makers and Trainers of Trainers. Longer - more standardized teacher training.



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## Focus on Teacher training – EBSN Academy

- ▶ Members will be consulted: a) themes they are interested in, 2) willingness to host courses, 3) preferred model for organization
- ▶ EBSN member institutions will be given priority in course application processes, but other interested and relevant institutions will be welcome as participants.
- ▶ The format of the courses will include both webinars and face-to-face courses, and will make use of the EPAL for a capabilities.
- ▶ Long term vision of the Academy - to create open MOOCs for the CPD of Basic Skills Teachers.



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## An ambitious dream:

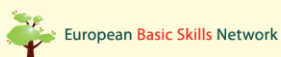
- ▶ The «Briefer than Brief» Collection
  - ▶ Family literacy
  - ▶ Numeracy
  - ▶ Initial literacy for immigrants
  - ▶ ONE brief completed so far
  - ▶ Future strategy: working through Special Interest Groups (SIG) and possibly through Erasmus+ Projects



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## Cooperation with the Commission

- ▶ The Working Group for Adult Learning – EBSN representation by invitation from Commission
- ▶ Themes:
  - ▶ Basic Skills for Adults
  - ▶ Cohesive and efficient policy
  - ▶ Use of ICT and OER in Adult Learning



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## EPALE

- ▶ Thematic coordinator for Life Skills – blogs, interview, events, resources, fora
- ▶ Our aim: creating thematic discussion fora which will link to all relevant items in the databases of Epale
- ▶ Linking Epale to the Academy, through the use of a MOOC approach.



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## EPALE

- ▶ Regular newsletter sent by the Secretariat
- ▶ <https://ec.europa.eu/epale/en/theme/life-skills#lifeskills>
- ▶ Contributions from EBSN members: blogs, comments, fora discussions



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## ELINET

- ▶ 19 EBSN members (Teams 4, 7, 8)
- ▶ Leading the adult team (Team 4)
- ▶ Focus on synergy with other sectors of Life Long Learning
- ▶ Objectives and vision
- ▶ <http://www.eli-net.eu/>



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## Online and social media

- ▶ Website <http://www.basicsskills.eu/>
- ▶ Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/basicsskills.ebsn>
- ▶ Twitter  
<https://twitter.com/EBSNhq?lang=ro>



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## Facilitating further synergies

- ▶ The creation of Special Interest Groups
- ▶ Time scale: before January 2016
- ▶ Led by a Core Group of EBSN members
- ▶ Responsible for activities in their thematic field within EBSN Academy Briefer than Brief documents and EPALE fora.



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## Facilitating further synergies

- ▶ Information and training for potential Erasmus+ applicants; projects with a significant number of EBSN members
- ▶ Promoting the use of Erasm+ Staff Mobilities in connection with the EBSN Academy



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## **Synergy «sans frontières»**

- Relevant institutions from ALL of Europe are welcome as members
- Associated members from outside Europe: a great opportunity for knowledge sharing



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## **Still growing organically...**

- Welcoming new ideas and structures
- EBSN slogan: «Maximum of outcome with minimum of input»

