

EBSN Academy 2016-1:

Capacity Building for Policy Development in the field of Basic Skills for Adults

Background

The European Basic Skills Network, EBSN, is a non-profit association gathering policy makers and policy providers engaged in basic skills training for adults. It aims at promoting excellence in policy design and policy implementation, at European, national and regional level, in a field that has considerable impact on education, employment, social inclusion, the fight against poverty, and sustainable economic growth.

The network's main focus of attention is on five of the main basic skills: literacy, numeracy, digital competence, oral communication and second language for immigrants. You can read more about the EBSN on our web page at www.basicsskills.eu.

The EBSN is actively engaged in EPALE, the Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe. The network is initiating several Special Interest Group (SIGs) during 2016, and each SIG will run a discussion group as part of EPALE's Community Activities. The very first SIG will start on the last week of January on the theme of Workplace Literacy. It will be followed by SIGs on Prison Education, Initial Literacy for Immigrants, Numeracy, Policy Development, Family Learning, and Digital Competence.

The EBSN's annual conference will in 2016 be organized in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on June 1st to 3rd, in cooperation with the Slovenian Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, and the Slovenian Institute for Adult Education, SIAE. The theme of the conference is "National policy – Local implementation", and the event is part of the project run by the Slovene National Coordinator for Adult Learning (SIAE) to contribute to the implementation of the European Agenda for Adult Learning.

The conference consortium will also cooperate in the organization of a post-conference event: a webinar that will take place in September 2016.

Capacity Building for Policy Development in the field of Basic Skills for Adults

The course "Capacity Building for Policy Development in the field of Basic Skills for Adults is an EBSN offer which combines several elements.

- 1) Active participation in one or more of the open SIG discussions that will be run within EPALE during 2016. Active participation implies a minimum of ten postings published in the on-line discussions between June 1st and November 30th 2016.
- 2) Participation in the annual EBSN conference which will take place in Ljubljana on June 1st to 3rd, 2016.
- 3) Active participation in the webinar which will be organized in September 2016.

- 4) Presentation of a short report about the individual outcomes from the course. Deadline: December 15th, 2016.

Participants having completed all four course elements will receive an EBSN diploma.

Course fee

The course fee is 275 Euro, which cover the costs of

- Participation in the EBSN conference in Ljubljana, including two lunches, one conference dinner, refreshments and materials.
- Administration costs.

There is no cost involved in participation in the SIG discussions and the post-conference webinar.

Participants must also make provision for the costs relating to

- Travel and accommodation in Ljubljana
- Subsistence costs other than two lunches and one dinner during the conference.

Applying for a mobility grant

The course promotes the implementation of the Commission's ET2020 strategic priorities, and it can be eligible as part of an Erasmus+ mobility project. The grant may cover both the course fee and the additional costs mentioned above. You will find more information about the Erasmus+ Mobility Programs (KA1) in the current [Erasmus+ Handbook](#). The deadline to submit a mobility grant application to your National Agency is February 2nd, 2016.

Registration

To register for this course you can use an online form you will find on www.basicsskills.eu from March 1st.