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EPALE Newsletter

Dear Colleagues and Friends in the EBSN Network,

Here I send you the first EBSN-EPALE news letter ([please see below](#)), in which we would like to share with you the information that EBSN members sent to us, and that has been uploaded to the European Commissions EPALE website (ePlatform for Adult Learning in Europe) recently. We are planning to compile this type of newsletter and send it to you on a regular basis, as sufficient content emerging, and we are doing this also for the purpose of better serving the need for information sharing and exchange of knowledge and resources within our EBSN network.

So if you send us information on news, events, articles, studies, books, multimedia resources or any other publications linked to basic skills, you can ensure that those will be not only uploaded to the EPALE site but shall be circulated among EBSN members. This shall also be supported by EBSN's newly created Facebook page as well as the new website soon to be published. And an important note here: you can send us those items and information in any national language, because EPALE is also a platform to share information and stimulate professional interactions not only in the international but also in the national contexts and community of practices. And even not all of us can read all those resources in specific languages, but it is still good to know about what is going on in the EBSN community, what are the hot issues in certain countries or very importantly about achievements or products of the member organizations.

As far as resources concerned, we are also collecting and sharing documents and other means of resource from earlier times, even as old as 5-8 year old, to create a good and relevant stock of EBSN joint resource base. So you will find products of formerly implemented projects, which are still relevant, and even many of you are aware of them, but we found also important to raise attention and provide access to these resources for those who did not have the chance to find them yet as well as for new EBSN members, who are also eager to get broader and deeper knowledge in the field.

We are planning to gradually develop further this initiative and extend the scope of this EBSN-EPALE newsletter to news and events shared by non-EBSN members on EPALE, and that are linked to the thematic area of life skills / basic skills. We also would like to give room here to support initiatives under EBSN Academy, not only in the traditional form of events like training, workshops, seminars etc but also in different virtual arrangements, like webinars. We also would like to find different ways to involve you into professional discussions and other type of interactions using the electronic platform as a facility, but to all these will return a little later.

And just a few words about our team, we have MARIA TOIA from IREA in the team, who as member of the EPALE Editorial Board is taking care for the facilitation of the thematic page on Life Skills on the EPALE site, including writing and publishing blogs and managing the blog section in the theme. We work together with KATALIN DAMJANOVICH in the EBSN

Secretariat's Budapest Office, and we are the ones who communicate and keep contact with you on the collection of items and share information on EPALE as well as within EBSN network.

Below you can find the links to the first set of items on the EPALE site uploaded in the last couple of weeks:

EVENTS

[Digital Environments: Opportunities and Challenges for Literacy, Learning and Citizenship - The Centre for Literacy, Summer Institute 2015 in Montreal](#)

[European Basic Skills Network - Annual Collaborative Workshop 2015](#)

<http://ec.europa.eu/epale/en/content/european-basic-skills-network-annual-collaborative-workshop-2015>

NEWS

[International Network of Education for Work \(INEW\) is looking for cooperation partners in Europe](#)

<http://ec.europa.eu/epale/en/content/international-network-education-work-inew-looking-cooperation-partners-europe>

RESOURCES

[Language and literacy skills for immigrant adults in Europe - EBSN Policy Brief](#)

[Changing the way we think about numeracy - EBSN Policy Brief](#)

[MOOC for Nordic Education for Teachers in the Field of Basic Skills for Adults - a feasibility study](#)

[Developing teacher competences for initial literacy - webinar](#)

[Preventing and Combating Illiteracy - Recommendations made by the French National Council for Lifelong Vocational Training \(CNFPTLV\)](#)

[Everyday Life Survey \(IVQ\) in France: more than a national survey, more a basis for an indicators net](#)

[EBSN Annual Conference 2013 - Web based literacy and numeracy learning in Ireland](#)

[EBSN Annual Conference 2013 - Effective workplace literacy programmes in New Zealand - presentation of research results](#)

[EBSN Annual Conference 2013 - Workplace literacy programmes in New Zealand - answering policy questions](#)

[Professionalization of literacy and basic education – Qualification Concept for Literacy Practitioners \(Handbook\)](#)

[Adult Literacies Online - Learning & Teaching resources](#)

[Professional Development in the Field of Literacy and Basic Education - Compendium of 13 Country Reports from Europe](#)

[Policy recommendations of the BASKET Learning Partnership on Professional Development for teachers of adult basic skills](#)

[Country reports of the status of professional development provisions for basic skills teachers in 8 countries](#)

[EL NOSTRE MÓN - literacy learning in Catalan for illiterate newcomers \(3 volumes\) Volume 1.](#)

[EL NOSTRE MÓN - literacy learning in Catalan for illiterate newcomers \(3 volumes\) Volume 2.](#)

[EL NOSTRE MÓN - literacy learning in Catalan for illiterate newcomers \(3 volumes\) Volume 3.](#)

We are looking forward to your continuous feedback on whether you found these information useful, this way of communication appropriate one, and what would be your needs and proposals in regards to information sharing and exchange of knowledge using the electronic platforms available for us at the moment.

Uploading items to EPALE is continuous. That is why we are also asking for your input regularly, so please continue sending us materials and information summary about each resource (also in the language of the resource), event and piece of news according to the information sheet attached.

In case you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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