

The EBSN: status, achievements and challenges

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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
- Now: an independent policy network cooperating with the Commission

It's always a good time to learn

Final conference on the Adult Learning Action Plan

7- 8 - 9 March 2011 - Budapest, Hungary



A growing network

- Target group: **policy makers and policy providers**
- Status 64 members in 35 countries, some of them outside Europe
- 16 ministries of education in the membership
- Policy providers: research institutions, national or regional agencies, national associations



Members present at the conference

- Denmark: Danish Pedagogical University
- England: NIACE, NRDC
- Estonia: Estonian Non-Formal Adult Education Association
- Germany: DIE, LitCam, UIL
- Hungary: Hungarian Association for Lifelong Learning
- Ireland: NALA
- Liechtenstein: Adult Education Liechtenstein
- Luxembourg: Ministry of Education
- Netherland: Stichting Lezen & Schrijven, MBO Raad

Members present at the conference (cont)

- Norway: Vox, VOFO/NAAL, NVL
- Romania: IREA
- Scotland: Learning and Teaching Scotland
- Serbia: University of Beograd
- Spain: Ministry of Education, ACEFIR
- Switzerland: SVEB

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Objectives:

- Contribution to European policy
- Knowledge sharing and creation
- Awareness raising
- Fostering European research and development



Challenges ahead

- Value vs input
- Status and field of cooperation
- Size, numbers, dynamics, critical mass...
- Finances and governance
- Flexibility vs clear and manageable structure
- Cohesion vs plurality of interests



Strategies

- Organic growth
- Synergy and informal cooperation
- A few collaborative projects
- Minimum of burden, maximum results

- Work in progress:
 - Task Force for Policy Briefs
 - Development projects within the LLLP
 - Conference on Professional Development , Sandefjord, Norway, 26th to 29th Oct, 2011



