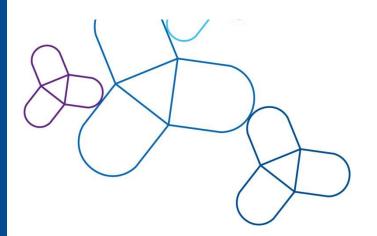


# Launching Conference on Erasmus+

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### "To promote the good quality of Mobility in Adult Education"

- Why participate?
- To develop basic and transversal skills
- To improve the language and cultural skills
- To challence her/himself
- To strengthen the self-esteem
- To get international experience related to work
- To increase the professional experience
- To build up networks
- To develop enteprice/business functions
- To experience an "adventure"



#### Key Action 1 – Mobility of Individuals

 This Key Action supports: "Mobility of learners and staff: opportunities for students, trainees, young people and volunteers, as well as for professors, teachers, trainers, youth workers, staff of education institutions and civil society organisations to undertake a learning and/or professional experience in another country"

- Omnia has a certificate for learners' and staff mobility (in ERASMUS+ accrediation)
- Omnia sends abroad ca. 200 students and 150 teachers (short and long term exchanges) in a year (25% of them are Adult students and staff)
- Omnia has all together 30 international projects; half coordinated by Omnia, half as a partner



#### **Students & education sectors in Omnia**

10 000 students mainly from neighbouring municipalities

Omnia Vocational College: 4 000 students Omnia Adult Education Centre: 2 000 fulltime and 2 000 part time students Omnia Apprenticeship Office: 1 800 students Omnia Youth Workshops: 200 trainees InnoOmnia: students from Vocational College and Adult Education Centre

- Culture
- Natural Sciences
- Tourism, catering and domestic services
- Social services, health and sports
- Technology, communications and transport
- Social sciences, business and administration



#### **Omnia Adult Education Centre**

- Alternatives = new profession, in-service or advanced training, vocational, further vocational or specialist vocational qualification or tailor made development training for companies and organisations
- Competence-based qualification = knowledge, skills and competence is demonstrated in real-life working situations and assessed by a tripartite assessment body
- Qualification comities



#### **Omnia Apprenticeship Office**

- Education is based on a temporary work contract between the student and the employer and on an individual study plan / document on individualisation.
- 80 % of work based learning (actual work tasks) which are supplemented with 20 % of theoretical studies in a vocational institution.
- Possibility to carry out vocational, further vocational or specialist vocational qualifications.



## Who can participate in the Erasmus+ programme

Participants in the field of Adult Education:
Members of adult Education organisations, trainers, staff and learners in Adult education

- Organisations acting in a Adult Education field;
- VET/Adult Education departments
- Apprentices
- Enterprices
- Labour market
- .....



# The challenges of mobility/exchanges in Adult Education

- Financing if the adult student is in a Labor market training programmes it is possible that she/he does not get the grant
- Family responcibilities; children, spouse, parents, pets
- The on going work tasks; hard to take time off from the every day duties
- Expences; loans, rents,
- Fear of unknown, language skills



### To promote the Mobility of Adults

- By informing about the possibilities regulary
- By marketing (staff in International office and tutoring teachers, teachers) www-pages, blogs, facebook, international activities in College
- By cooperation with employers (enterprices)
- By plannig individual learning pathways for students
- By preparation actions (language and cultural preparation)
- By using the agreements; Memorandum of Understanding and Learning Agreements (www.ecvet-toolkit.eu)
- By helping with the financial issues (ERASMUS+ grant + College own money)
- By spreding a positive enhtusiastic athmosphere
- By using the ECVET- system principles (learning outcomes approach, recognition of studies)
- By cooperation with the receaving work place



# Mobility of trainers and staff in Adult Education

 The organisations in Adult Education field apply Mobility periods for their personnel (no individual applications)

The expected outcomes:

Improved competences, linked to their professional profiles Broader understanding of practices, policies and systems in education Grater understanding of interconnections between formal and non-formal education Increased opportunities for professional and career development Improved foreign language competences

Increased motivation in their daily work

- The mobility periods must be part of the general staff development strategy
- The learning outcomes of participating staff should be properly recognised



#### Continue... Staff Mobility

- Teaching/training assignments: this activity allows staff of adult education organisations to teach or provide training at partner organisations abroad
- Staff training: this activity supports the professional development of adult education staff in the form of:
- a) Participation in structured courses or training events abroad
- b) A job shadowing/observation period abroad in any relevant organisation active in the adult education field

Should be framed within a European Development Plan of the sending organisations

Should respond to staff development needs

Ensures that the learning outcomes of the participating staff are recogniced and disseminated



#### Thank you for your attention

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