

# MEETING OF THE CLUSTER “Increasing participation”

Helsinki, 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

## PARTICIPANTS:

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| 1. Erno Hyvönen (FI) <i>MODERATOR</i>        | 10. Stanislaw Drzazdzewski (PL)                       |
| 2. Hanne Christensen (NO) <i>MODERATOR</i>   | 11. Katarina Smalova (SK)                             |
| 3. Laura Iveta Peniga (LV) <i>RAPPORTEUR</i> | 12. Alena Stefanikova (SK)                            |
| 4. Sirje Plaks (EE)                          | 13. Sabine Frei-Wille (LI)                            |
| 5. Charlotte Romlund Hansen (DK)             | 14. Vesna Fabian (RS) <i>ONLINE; DAY 2 ONLY</i>       |
| 6. Ana Radulescu (RO)                        | 15. Marija Stamenkovic (RS) <i>ONLINE; DAY 2 ONLY</i> |
| 7. Georgeta Pelcea (RO)                      | 16. Jan Bruha (CZ)                                    |
| 8. Nicoletta Ioannou (CY)                    | 17. Maria del Carmen Gonzalez Barrera (ES)            |
| 9. Eleftheria Kyriacou (CY)                  |   |

## DAY 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> March

### Focus on VET

**All-day Venue:** Diakonia College of Finland, SDO. Address: [Alppikatu 2a](#)

- 08:30 Meet-up in the railway station square. Those who want to walk together, meet at the [Aleksis Kivi statue](#). If you want to get there on your own, this is voluntary.
- 09:00 CEO, Principal Juha-Petri Niiranen will meet us at 09:00 in Alppikatu Campus
- a short introduction to SDO by Juha-Petri
  - tour in premises, in two groups, led by Seija Markkanen, Development Manager, and Heli Ramula, International Relations
  - coffee break and feedback/discussion
- 12:00 Lunch break, by invitation from the college
- 13:00 Meeting commences at the SDO (Room 355).
- Cases from participating countries; discussion and exchange.
- Moderator: Hanne Christensen*

13:00 – 13:45	3 presentations of 15 min. each:
Jan Bruha (CZ)	Outcomes from the regional seminars on the topic “How to motivate adults to participate in lifelong learning”.
Laura Iveta Peniga (LV)	Adult education coordinator’s network involving all local municipalities (cooperation, training, activities)
Sabine Frei-Wille (LI)	Increasing adult participation in learning: Increasing visibility and raising awareness. The continuing education voucher.
13:45 – 14.00	Q&A all three presentations.
14:00 – 14:45	Group discussion & summing up, organized by SK colleagues (3 groups of 6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Individual learning accounts - the tool to support increasing participation?</li> <li>- Other tools at national level?</li> </ul>
14:45 – 15:00	COFFEE BREAK
15:00 – 15:45	3 presentations of 15 min. each:
Sirje Plaks (EE)	Piloting activity - Motivation Packages for the low educated parents of young children
Ana Radulescu (RO)	Apprenticeship for adults
Hanne Christensen (NO)	Widening access to formal adult E&T; cross-sectoral cooperation (Policy level)
15:45 - 16.30	Q&A all three presentations. Rounding off the day.
19:00	Dinner at <a href="#">Elite restaurant</a> . Address: <a href="#">Eteläinen Hesperiankatu 22</a> (The meal will be at the participants’ expense.)

## DAY 2 – 2<sup>st</sup> March

### Focus on Liberal Adult Education

**Morning Venue:** Finnish Lifelong Learning Foundation KVS. Address: [Museokatu 18](#)

09:00 Study visit to Finnish Lifelong Learning Foundation KVS

- Presentation by Dr. Lauri Tuomi, CEO of KVS [lauri.tuomi@kvs.fi](mailto:lauri.tuomi@kvs.fi)
- Tour in Soppi, Ms. Nina Hjelt [nina.hjelt@kvs.fi](mailto:nina.hjelt@kvs.fi)

The group then walks together to the **afternoon venue**. Address: [Eteläesplanadi 4](#).

Light lunch in the meeting room (Sali 4)

12:30 Afternoon programme commences / EPALE online webinar.  
Cases from participating countries; discussion and exchange.  
*Moderator: Erno Hyvönen*

12:30 – 13:15 3 presentations of 15 minutes each:

Stanislaw Drzazdzewski (PL) Educational activation of adults from small communities in rural and other disadvantaged areas - experiences of local centers of knowledge and education

Maria del Carmen Gonzalez Barrera (ES) Increasing participation of adult population in Non-formal education through the Mentor Classroom Programme

Charlotte Romlund Hansen (DK) AGU-online reach out successfully to young adults (up to 25 years), who are in risk to be part of the NEET-group.

13:15 – 13.30 Q&A all three presentations.

13:30 – 14:15 Group discussion & summing up, organized by SK colleagues (3 groups of 6)

- The involvement of the libraries providing non formal education
- Cooperation among ngos + municipality + community

OR

- Development of basic skills - activities under the Upskilling Pathways initiative in your country, examples of what works well on local, regional and/or national level

14:15 – 14:30 COFFEE BREAK

14:30 – 15:15 3 presentations of 15 min. each:

*ONLINE:*

Vesna Fabian (RS)

Marija Stamenkovic (RS)

Improving the participation of adults, through the improvement of the quality assurance system and the inclusion of the adult education system in the NQFS system (policy level).

Nicoletta Ioannou (CY)

Eleftheria Kyriacou (CY)

Initiatives and actions supporting the participation of adults in lifelong learning

Katarina Smalova (SK)

Alena Stefanikova (SK)

Presentation of the mapping report on the support of life skills in SK (involvement of different stakeholders from non-formal education)

15:15 - 16.30 Q&A all three presentations. Final remarks. Rounding off the PLA.