



## INVITATION BY

EPOS, the Flemish NA, with the support of the Landcommanderij Alden Biesen

for a CONTACT SEMINAR on Language teaching and learning

for organisations in formal and non-formal ADULT EDUCATION

28 Sept – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020, Leuven, BELGIUM

**Theme:** “Language teaching and learning in Adult Education”.

Languages are very important in citizens’ life: they are a key to communication and social inclusion. They are very closely linked to the development of **intercultural** competences, **critical thinking, social and civic engagement**. They enhance cross-border mobility and cooperation and thus raise awareness on and understanding of the common **European values**.

This contact seminar wants to contribute to the challenge of the EU-wide agreed goal that every European should be able to learn two foreign languages (from an early age). How can adult learners be stimulated to improve their literacy and/or learn multiple languages? How can the teaching of languages be improved – especially in multilingual classrooms/settings?

Language learning happens in formal and non formal activities; how can we reach a comprehensive approach to language teaching and learning in adult education? Do CLIL, translanguaging, storytelling, gamification, escaperooms, specific online tools... contribute to effective language teaching and learning in adult education? What innovative methods do you want to share with language teachers from abroad?

**Goal** of the contact seminar:

- To raise the number of high quality cooperation projects sharing best practices, discussing ideas for new projects, preparing drafts of applications for the successor of the Erasmus+ programme in the domain of Adult Education about the theme of the contact seminar.
- To develop Learning Mobility activities for staff in Adult Education in which language teachers are stimulated to learn innovative strategies and methodologies in the field of language learning and teaching via jobshadowing / study visits...

## **TARGET GROUP and PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANTS**

We welcome all organisations working on the improvement of adult learners' literacy and foreign language competences in formal or non formal adult education.

The participants must be able to engage their organisation in an Erasmus+ (or its successor's) partnership. In order to participate actively in this contact seminar they should be fluent in English, the working language of the seminar. There will be no translation during the presentations.

We can only welcome participants who have been selected by their NA. The maximum number of participants is 43.

## **PROGRAMME**

The programme starts on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September (7 pm) and ends on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October (1.30 pm) 2020.

The programme will consist of various items like ice-breakers, some formal presentations, workshops, interactive sessions... and informal parts for optimal exchange of information and experiences. The draft programme will follow.

## **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

**Conference documents:** Before the conference participants will receive material on the theme and the profiles of the participating organisations via a closed community in EPALE. Participants are also requested to bring some information on their region & organisation and information on their national adult education system.

**Venue:** [Park Inn by Radisson in Leuven](#)

Check in at the hotel starts on Sept 28th at 3 pm.

**[Leuven](#): at the root of language teaching.** Language learning and the city of Leuven are strongly connected. You will be staying at the root of the first institute that promoted the teaching of (ancient) languages: Latin, Greek and Hebrew at The Collegium Trilingue. It was the first institute for language education inspired by Erasmus, and existed for 280 years from 1517 onwards. Nowadays, Leuven is home to the KU Leuven, the largest and oldest university of the Low Countries and the oldest Catholic university still in existence. The city is also known for being the headquarters of Anheuser-Busch InBev, the world's largest brewer and one of the five largest

consumer-goods companies in the world. A large student population and a thriving beer culture are combined at the Oude Markt: this square in the old town is called the longest bar in the world!

**Travel arrangements:** The hotel is very close to the railway station in Leuven (2 min walk). So you can take a train from Brussels Airport or any other railway station in Belgium.

**Preparations for the seminar, please bring with you:**

Information on your region and organisation (photographs, brochures, posters), things you can spread amongst your future project partners so that they can update their colleagues / organisation. Be prepared to explain the role of your organisation in the topic of the seminar (in small groups).

Even though we're expecting a new programme to start in 2021, it's very useful to read the present ERASMUS+ Programme Guide 2020, especially the sections on Key Action 2: Strategic Partnerships and Key Action 1: Learning Mobility for staff in Adult Education.

Arrange a meeting with your principal/head and some colleagues before you come to the seminar. Make sure you are informed about needs, possibilities and plans for international project work on Language Teaching and Learning in your organisation.

**Costs:** No fee – Travel costs: to be covered by the sending NA.

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