



## **Invitation Dutch contact seminar Adult Learning Theme: Participation**

**Date: 28, 29 and 30 October 2015**

**Location: Zandvoort, The Netherlands**

On behalf of the Dutch National Agency, I would like to invite you to a contact seminar that we are organizing 28-30 October in The Netherlands.

Enclosed you will find a preliminary programme and practical information regarding this seminar.

In the Erasmus+ programme National Agencies can organise Transnational Cooperation Activities for training, contact seminars or thematic seminars. This seminar will be a contact seminar to build partnerships.

The seminar will be of interest for participants who want to explore to apply for an Erasmus+ project. Most notably this will be a KA2 Strategic Partnership project, but we will also address in this TCA the possibility to apply for a KA1 Mobility project in Adult Education, as a potential step up for a KA2 project. Thus participants with no experience in Erasmus+ projects who would like to start with international cooperation are encouraged to participate as well.

During the contact seminar participants will be enabled to meet each other and to work concretely on a project proposal.

You NA will select which participants will be send to the seminar. You can express you interest in participating to your NA. If you are selected you will receive a registration form link from us in which you can provide details on yourself and your organization.

### **Location and time**

NH Hotel Zandvoort

Burgemeester van Alphenstraat 63

2041 KG Zandvoort

Zandvoort is situated near the beach and sand dunes, close to Haarlem and Amsterdam. It is very easy to reach the town by train from Schiphol Airport.



#### *Start meeting:*

Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-13:00 with lunch

13:00 start of programme

#### *End meeting*

Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>, 12:30

#### **Content**

The overall theme of the seminar is participation of adults in society and employment.

The theme is in line with the European Agenda for Adult Education which highlights the need to increase participation in adult learning of all kinds (formal, non-formal and informal learning) whether to acquire new work skills, for active citizenship, to improve health education or for personal development and fulfilment.

Various aspects of this theme can be considered. In the TCA there will be a focus on

- Participation through **voluntary work**. How can voluntary work contribute to participation of disadvantaged groups and recognition and validation of their competences?
- The potential of **ICT** in participation: how can ICT contribute to access and participation of disadvantaged groups?
- New **organizational roles** in participation (for example new and changing roles of libraries and municipalities in participation)
- The role of **health** in participation.

#### **Financial arrangements**

The registration fee, including hotel, lunches and dinners is € 550. Your NA will reimburse this fee with our NA directly. Travel costs are excluded from this arrangement. You will have to pay these costs yourself – or maybe your NA also has made additional arrangement for this. In that case they will communicate with you about this.

#### **What do we expect from participants**

We expect that participants are willing and are able to join the meeting from beginning to end. You should have a broad view on the theme of participation and your own subtheme expertise. You do not have to have any previous experience in Erasmus+ projects. Newcomers are welcome too. And of course good English language skills are a prerequisite.

We expect participants to be well prepared before the seminar. This includes:

- 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 in your organisation.

- We will open a dedicated webpage for this contact seminar. Relevant background information will be included there. We expect from you that you study this information. Information on the Erasmus+ programme will be included of course.
- In the registration form we will ask for you expertise, motivation and expectations. After final registration we will request some more information and a picture. This we would like to use to let participants know each other a little bit in advance.
- We will also ask you to make an EPALE profile – if you don't have one already. This way we aim at promoting the EPALE portal as European community for sharing knowledge and experience on adult education.

We hope to welcome you in the Netherlands for an interesting and useful seminar!

On behalf of the Dutch National Agency,

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