

Template for Transnational Cooperation Activities**Type of event:**

Transnational training, support and contact seminars of potential programme participants

For which sector(s): School Education Vocational Education and Training Higher Education Adult Education Youth**Key action(s) targeted:** KA1 KA2 KA3**Budgetary year:** 2018**Hosting country:** DE**Coordinating National Agency** (use full name and abbreviation): National Agency Education for Europe at the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training**Partner National Agency(s)** (if applicable, use full name and abbreviation):**Title of event:** Fostering critical thinking and media literacy – Strengthening European democracy through adult education**Starting date of the event:** 10/12/2018**Ending date of the event:** 12/12/2018**Event venue (city, country):** Berlin, Germany**Venue:** Kalkscheune Event Location (<http://kalkscheune.de/en/kalkscheune-event-location>)**Hotel:** Titanic Comfort Mitte (<http://www.titanic.com.tr/titaniccomfortmitte/default-en.html>)**Working language:** English**Number of places in total:** 80**Profile of participants:** The contact seminar is open to participants from the sector of adult education. The planned projects shall address adults' critical media literacy.**Themes and goals of the event:** There is an ongoing success and growth of radical or populist political movements all over Europe, often fuelled by untrustworthy news sources on the internet. This requires innovative pedagogical concepts and approaches that address adults' critical thinking skills in terms of information received through media, politicians and further opinion makers. It poses an additional challenge to reach out to an audience particularly vulnerable to misinformation or fake news. Erasmus+ Strategic partnerships offer the opportunity to share, develop or transfer innovative practice to tackle these problems and to strengthen democracy.

The contact seminar aims to bring together participants with similar project ideas on this topic in order to develop KA2 project proposals. The NA will provide a forum for an exchange of ideas via [EPALE](#) (Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe) prior to the contact seminar.

Expected results: Participants will find motivated partners with similar project ideas and will jointly draft good quality KA2 project proposals for the next Erasmus+ selection round.

Programme of event: Please find a draft of the programme in the attached pdf document

Event's webpage (if applicable): information about the event will be available on the NA's webpage and [EPALE](#) (Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe)

Travel information: The venue is located in the centre of Berlin and is easily accessible from the Berlin airports TXL and SXF as well as from Berlin main train station.

Event fee: None. The NA BIBB covers the cost of accommodation in a single room for two nights, all planned meals, cultural activities and materials for the seminar.

Travel costs (who covers the travel costs): To be covered by the sending NA.

Number of participants per country: Approximately 20 participants from Germany. Approximately 1 to 3 participants from every other programme country.