

**INVOLVEment of learners with low educational background into lifelong learning process**

**MINUTES of the 2nd project meeting, Barcelona, Spain**

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**Day 1**

**TOP 1 WELCOME OF PARTNERS**

- Welcome and brief presentation of Barcelona group
- Check table of tasks
- Warm-up games to summarise the expectations

**TOP 2 PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH TASK 1 (by EUROFACE)**

- ppt presentation of conclusions from the research task 1; inputs were provided by all partners, summary was prepared and presented by Euroface (ppt presentation and doc file is uploaded at yahoo group)
- discussion during the presentation about “specialities” in particular countries:  
UK: children optionally start the school at 4 – 4,5 years  
DE: children 10 years old have to decide for A-level or vocational education, later change is possible; different school systems (16) – difficult when a child is moving  
IT: different situation at north and south of the country  
TR: a new educational system since 2008, no previous data for research

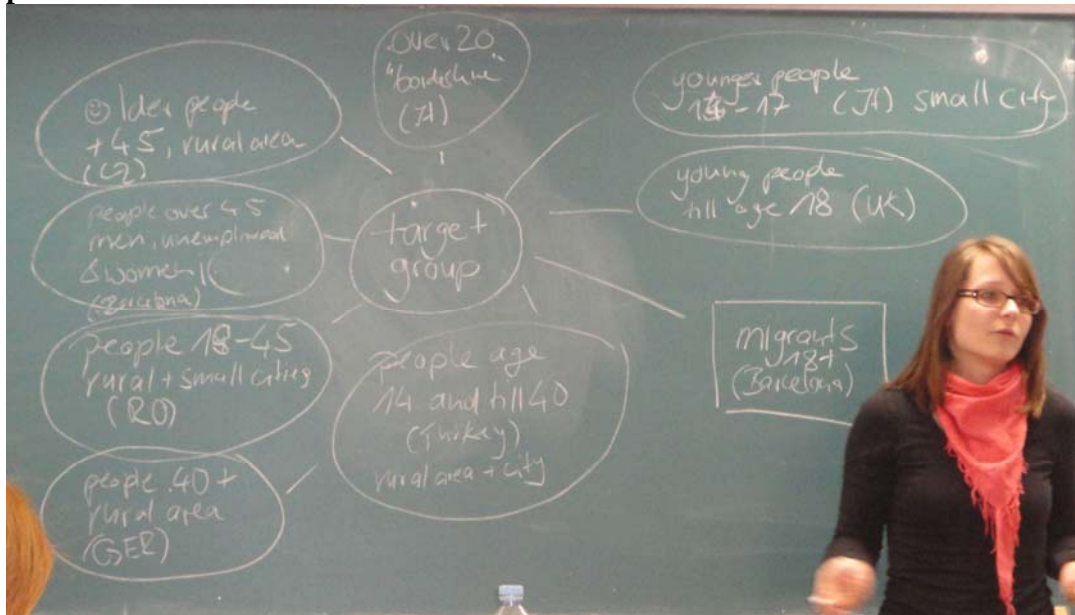
**TOP 3 DISCUSSION OF RESEARCH TASK 1 FINDINGS**

Definition of target group:

We should concentrate on one target group to get the valuable results?	We should work with different target groups according to our background and share our experience?
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- project partners can divide into groups and work in workshops – the way how to cover different target groups
- case studies from different backgrounds can be inspiring for all

### TOP 4 WORKSHOP

- everybody writes on a paper: the main problem to involve people in lifelong learning

### TOP 5 PRESENTATION OF EICA

- ppt of a partner is uploaded on yahoo group

Interesting points:

- cooperation and education
- focus on immigrants
- 70% of participants are unemployed persons
- Team consists of employees and volunteers
- Active citizenship – everybody can be a partner

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- Mediation programme
- Approach to cultural diversity

**TOP 6 PLANNING OF RESEARCH TASK 2**

- presentation of EICEA – proposal: we will agree on the list of questions
- each partner will prepare own presentation with the answers on questions and present it in Prague, 15 min for each partner
- each partner can show some interesting materials (publicity, dissemination)
- finally there will be a summary in the recommendation guide

**TASK 1 - 2**

11.3.2011	SP	Partner will update and send to all partners the list of questions
6.6.2011	All	A short presentation (15 min) with answers to the questions

Question of a target group: each partner will focus on own target group, we can define common points:

countries / target group	age					migrants	unemployed	people at social risk	rural area	urban area
	female	male	16-25	26-65	66+					
ES	x	x	x	x		x	x			x
IT - CM	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
IT - AFOL	x	x	x	x			x		x	
CZ	x	x		x			x		x	
TR	x	x	x	x			x		x	x
UK	x	x	x				x	x	x	x
RO	x	x	x	x			x		x	x
DE	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	

**TOP 7 CONTENT FOR THE RECOMMENDATION GUIDE**

- discussion upon the main problems of partners summarized earlier



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#### Summary of main problems

##### Motivation und resignation

Worries arising from previous school system-was not motivating, worries they won't manage it

Missing diagnostics and counseling – people aren't able to find the suitable course

Many courses don't increase the competences and don't lead to a better job, this leads to a motivation problem to go to another course

##### Family background

Immediate money

No interest in culture

Intellectual work demands reduction

##### Social acceptance of unemployment

The benefit system enables young people to "opt" out of education

Current school system and curriculum focuses on academic achievement

Lack of commitment by employers to train on the job

Funding situation (limited funds)

"rural" situation, lack of employment opportunities, cost of transport to travel

The courses are expensive and too far

The program of the courses is not adapted to the LELL needs

The target group has a negative feeling about the learning process

The teachers are not properly prepared to work with this special target group

The target group is sometimes not convinced that LLL courses will help them

Not enough information about LLL

Accessibility, how to reach education centers when you live in a rural area

How to create motivation

Shift workers can't participate regularly

Where to place children – classical gender roles

Self-confidence/ encouragement of learners – negative perception of learning

Ways of dissemination (milieu marketing)



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**Day 2**

**TOP 8 VISIT OF AN ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE AND EXPLANATION ABOUT HOW THEY WORK AND MOTIVATE PARTICIPATION TO LEARN**

**TOP 9 PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

- organizational instructions for meetings
- all partners should communicate about arrivals and departures
- it is recommended to travel a day before the meeting and a day after the meeting
- it is recommended not to travel in groups larger than 4 members
- we are not allowed to include the students

**TASK 3**

6.6.2011	DE	Coordinator will prepare the interim report and share it with the partners
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**TOP 10 DISSEMINATION**

- each partner should create own web page within the organization's webpage for the project
- Laurine presented proposals for project logo



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- final decision: logo 2 with the whole circle around the globe

### TASK 4 - 5

11.3.2011	IT	Laurine will create the final version of a project logo and upload it to the yahoo group
11.3.2011	All	Upload to yahoo group links to project website with information about project

- each partner is responsible for dissemination in own country: leaflets, brochures, newsletters,....
- at the end of the project we will prepare a leaflet together

### TOP 11 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

- next meeting takes place in Prague, Czech Republic

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**TASK 6**

April 2011	CZ	Czech partner will inform partners about place and organizational issues related to the next meeting
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- **recommendations:** split to smaller groups, workshops, more effective work
- good practice examples
- more practical issues
- Coordinator will remind the rules to all partners by e-mail

**TASK 7**

31.5.2011	CZ	Czech partner in cooperation with the Coordinator will prepare an agenda and send to all partners
11.3.2011	DE	Margit will prepare a list of topics – partners will have 2-3 weeks for voting

**TOP 12 EVALUATION**

The meeting was evaluated and every participant shared her own opinion and feelings with the group. The method of evaluation was brainstorming (using cards).





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**Positive**

- \* I like the visit of the adult education centre very much
- \* meeting new people
- \* relaxed atmosphere, lots to see interesting
- \* friendly people, relaxed atmosphere, lots to see
- \* vibrant place to visit
- \* enjoyed guided tour in Gothic area
- \* nice hotel & meeting place
- \* visit of adult education center
- \* Thank you to the Catalan Team!
- \* enjoyed the opportunity to meet people from other countries
- \* I like very much Barcelona
- \* I like to discover that our Italian problem to involve TG in
- \* lifelong learning is very similar in other European countries
- \* I liked to visit the training centre and have the opportunity to
- \* meet the learners
- \* I very like the touristic part - it was nice and professional
- \* It was very nice to meet so many nice people from so many
- \* different countries
- \* The visit in the adult educational center was very good -
- \* examples of good practice
- \* The free talks were good
- \* The rules for conference were good but you have to set them
- \* at the beginning of the meeting or send them by mail, because
- \* now the Turkey's don't know them
- \* Meet the group again
- \* The people were active, the planned schedule was provided.
- \* The information was exchanged.
- \* I liked: Barcelona, the weather, the Spanish organisation, visit
- \* of the civic center
- \* about the stay and the town, everything was OK, the
- \* organisation was super!!!
- \* organisation, visit of adult education centre, Thank you,
- \* Spanish team!
- \* I like the group atmosphere, there is respect and listening
- \* Practical examples of good practice are very useful, I liked the
- \* sightseeing
- \* Good collaboration in the group
- \* amazing sharing with all the participants and totally inspired
- \* with the social centre experiences
- \* due to the similarities in my country I found the work done by
- \* the Spanish organization really useful and meaningful. Always
- \* a friendly atmosphere!
- \* meeting well organized, nice talks, good food, interesting tours
- \* show our reality to others



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<b>Negative</b>	*	We were perhaps too many people and we haven't got the time to know each other well
	*	I am missing some closures of some points of discussions, sometimes we repeated things several times without any closure
	*	rather disappointed with food at lunchtimes
	*	group was too big for discussion, team spirit is missing
	*	more clarity on what the project work, so we can improve it
	*	little discussion, our proposal is to dynamic better of
	*	debate, to get more interesting content
	*	food at lunch time was awful
	*	lack of contents in session of Monday
	*	long oblong table not so good for communication
	*	group too big for discussion, room a bit too small for work
	*	discussion should be managed in better way, there were
	*	too long, repeating the same things many time
	*	not all partners attended the activities of the project
*	the discussions could be more organized	
*	too short time	
*	I didn't like that we didn't work in small groups	

<b>Did the meeting meet my expectations?</b>	*	really enjoyed the visit
	*	surpassed my expectations
	*	reached the goals of the agenda
	*	got insight in adult education of Spain
	*	the important information was exchanged
	*	I would have done small groups activities to share experiences
	*	Interchange experience inside and outside of meeting
	*	It was nice and useful visit the educational center
	*	I liked it very much
	*	Yes
	*	Yes, above all I was very interested about the comparison of the data of Research 1
	*	Yes, as last time the meeting met my expectations
	*	Inspiring experiences shared in a natural and simple way
	*	really happy with this meeting
	*	had a good feeling with all
	*	saw how in Spain is social organization
	*	had good suggest for our work
	*	yes, we followed the agenda and everything was discussed and done
	*	yes, I have new information and knowledge from the hosting country
	*	Tuesday visit - inspirational, really enjoyed
*	good visit this morning	
*	group would have benefitted from being split into groups easier to manage tasks	
*	I expected more discussions and active participation of partners	