



## National Coordinators for the Implementation of the European Agenda for Adult Learning

### Introduction

The [European Agenda for Adult Learning](#) <sup>1</sup> 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, or for personal development and fulfillment.

The European Agenda is being promoted in 36 countries by a [network of National Coordinators](#). They coordinate and steer different actions in the field of adult learning by engaging with the main stakeholders involved, disseminating and implementing European policies and exchanging good practices and knowhow with other countries and raising awareness of adult learning.

The National Coordinators for the Implementation of the European Agenda on Adult Learning receive financial support from the European Commission, through the Erasmus+ programme.

### Background and objectives

The participation of adults in learning varies significantly between EU countries and the participation rates among the low skilled and older adults are particularly disappointing. The Commission has set as one of its objectives to raise the level of adult participation in adult learning to 15% by 2020. This objective is supported by the *Council Resolution on a renewed Agenda for adult learning (2012-2014)* ("the Agenda")<sup>1</sup> which encourages the participating countries to take concrete steps to enhance, intensify and coordinate policies to provide adult learning, in particular offering low qualified adults a "second chance" to take their qualification level "one step up".

In order to achieve these objectives, the Resolution provides for the designation of National Coordinators located in National administrations or in other agencies under their responsibility.

Priority objectives to 2020 for the work of National Coordinators were agreed as part of the 2015 joint report on ET2020<sup>2</sup>, which cover four main areas of the European Agenda: governance, supply and take up, flexibility and access, quality.

### What activities are supported?

The activities of National Coordinators can take various forms:

- Coordination mechanisms to ensure a better coherence between diverse adult learning policies;
- Measures to improve adults' basic skills, in particular literacy, numeracy or digital skills;
- Awareness raising activities, such as media campaigns or adult learning days;
- Preparatory work leading to reforms of adult learning policies;
- Meetings, conferences and bilateral exchange visits bringing together the different actors (Ministries, social partners business, relevant non-governmental organisations...).

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<sup>1</sup> Council Resolution on a renewed European agenda for adult learning : <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2011:372:0001:0006:EN:PDF>

<sup>2</sup> 2015 Joint Report of the Council and the Commission on the implementation of the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training (ET 2020) — New priorities for European cooperation in education and training: [http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv%3AOJ.C\\_.2015.417.01.0025.01.ENG](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv%3AOJ.C_.2015.417.01.0025.01.ENG)