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### SOME FACTS ABOUT THE ENAEA AND AE IN ESTONIA.

# PROGRAM "ADULT EDUCATION IN NON-FORMAL EDUCATION CENTERS" 2008-2013 (49 AE centres)

## **Educating adults**

- More than 33000 learners
- Educating educators: more than 900 educators and experts

## Developing the field and network

- Researches: non-formal AE in general, new target groups
- Curriculum development
- Learning environment development
- The quality assessment of the AE centres
- Development of the AE centres homepages
- Promotion of the adult learning

# REPRESENTATION OF THE FIELD IN THE NATIONAL COOPERATION BODIES AND NETWORKS.

Estonian Non-formal Adult Education Association was represented in:

- The Education Sector skills council
- The adult educator's qualification committee.
- The Adult Education Council.
- The Estonian Cooperation Assembly.
- The Tax and Customs Board committee forming a list of tax incentives for NGO rehabilitation.
- The Erasmus+ Steering Commitee.
- The Estonian Women's Studies and Resource Centre (ENUT) Network.
- And in the various thematic working groups.

## THE LIFELONG LEARNING STRATEGY 2014-2020

The Estonian Cooperation Assembly, the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research and the Forum of Education in close cooperation developed in 2009-2011 work plan "Five challenges for Education in Estonia - Education Strategy 2012-2020 ". This was the basis of the strategy drawn up by commission of the education and labor experts. A strategy building had an advising council, which was formed by the Estonian Cooperation Assembly, the Forum of Education, the representatives of the employers and the Ministry of Education and Research .

The Government approved the Strategy 13 February 2014. Subsequently, Ministry of Education and Research will within 3 months work out of the implementation plan.

The Estonian Lifelong Learning Strategy puts in place a strategy for the following years the most important goals in education , which are needed to achieve in the long -term

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systematic work. The strategy identifies five strategic objectives and actions to achieve them .

1 CHANGED CONCEPT OF LEARNING: Conception of supporting each learners personal and social development, critical thinking, creativity and entrepreneurial spirit will be implemented at all levels of education

2 COMPETENT AND MOTIVATED TEACHERS AND THE SCHOOL LEADERS: In the education institutions are working competent and motivated teachers and leaders whose job performance is assessed and remunerated as they are worth it

3 COMPLIANCE OF THE LABOR MARKET NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIFELONG LEARNING: High-quality, flexible and diverse learning opportunities, career services and to help improve people's social development needs, awareness opportunities for self-realization and professional life and to increase the number of people with good professional qualifications in various age groups

4 DIGI JUMP IN LIFELONG LEARNING: The learners and teachers implement meaningfully and effectively digital learning, which keeps updated the learning concept and improves the learning skills.

5 THE GROWTH OF THE USING THE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND EFFECTIVE FINANCING: an increase in lifelong learning participation and an effective funding strategy to support the achieving the goals and objectives of the strategy.

The Ministry of Education and Science will draw up the following thematic programs to reach the goals and strategic measures:

- Implementation of a new concept of learning;
- Professional development for teachers and school leaders;
- Lifelong learning and the labour market: monitoring and forecasting system, and career services, internships;
- Digital turnaround in lifelong learning;
- Increasing the participation in lifelong learning.

And the following thematic programs based on thematic programs:

- General education, including early childhood education;
- Vocational Education;
- Higher education;
- Adult Education.

#### REPRESENTATION OF ESTONIA AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

#### **ENAEA** is

- A member of the European Adult Education Association (EAEA).
- A member of the Baltic and Nordic adult education umbrella organizations network
- European Basic Skills Network (EBSN) member.
- A member of ICAE

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## THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN PROJECTS

Awareness Raising Activities for Adult Learning and Education (ARALE), 2013

Know Your Lifestyle (KYL) Introducing Sustainable Consumption in 2nd-chance education (2013-2015)

"Learn to Learn for Adult Returners" (L2L4AR) 2013-2015 Learn for Work and Life! One Step Up (LeWeLUp) 2011-2014

Outreach Empowerment Diversity (OED) 2012-2014

# ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM NORDPLUS SUB-PROGRAM COORDINATION FOR THE ADULT LEARNERS MOBILITY IN NORDIC COUNTRIES.

ENAEA have informed learners in Estonia about opportunities to study in Nordic Folk High Schools via the mailing lists, information letters. Information is on the ENAEA website. The main obstacle for potential learners is the learner's own contribution - as the scholarships are quite low, the main obstacles to participate are economical. In 2013 one student (Verner Mägi) have got an opportunity to learn for 10 months at Ollerup Folk High School in Denmark

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