

ESRALE - European Studies and Research in Adult Learning and Education

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We are pleased to announce the launch of this important new project which aims to:

- **Develop a joint research and PhD programme in ALE (Adult Learning and Education)**, leading to a mutual degree at EQF level 8 and **redesigning the existing EMAE programme (European Master in Adult Education)**, including teaching/learning materials; platform for exchange and collaboration;
- **Foster the European dimension in study and research of ALE.**
- **Develop a model to assist in making higher education more open and accessible by validation (assessment) of relevant kinds of learning outcomes/VPL**, flexibilising curricula, modules on VPL, assessment, counselling, self-management of competencies.

Specific tasks and outcomes include:

- **Teaching/learning materials** (e.g. **publications on research topics** like comparative research), **An online learning and communication platform to support exchange and collaboration** (e.g. joint project work) among students and teachers across Europe.
- **Physical mobility arrangements for teachers and students** (e.g. joint summer camps linked with research workshops), to promote both their scientific and intercultural competence.
- **Language support for students and staff** to promote their proficiency in English and to develop an understanding of key terms of ALE in other languages.
- **Reflecting and working on European research questions** like EU-Statistics, EU-Benchmarks, best practices, common questions like aging, literacy, etc.
- **Bringing together research partners from various European countries** to carry out common work and internationalizing scientific literature and findings in ALE.

ESRALE will address the interests and needs of three main groups

- **Practitioners** (adult educators, assessors, counsellors and managers and programme planners in adult education, and lecturers/researchers at universities)
- **Graduates** wanting to continue their studies in research contexts, or to gain a PhD-degree
- **Early Career researchers in lifelong learning**, to benefit from European/international dimensions.

ESRALE is committed to working in close partnership with relevant organisations institutions and welcomes enquiries for further information

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