



UPSKILLEAD

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Second Upskillead project Newsletter

This is the second newsletter of Upskillead project that aims to exchange information and news about the project and share experience in the field of Adult Education. Recently, the project entered its last phase of the implementation. However, there are many interesting and important things, which have happened within its previous phases and even more interesting things going to happen. Please enjoy reading and visit our website for more information: <http://upskillead.eu/>

Latest news

The consortium has investigated the state of the art in each partner country, in order to identify the current digital skills and needs of the Adult Educators (IO1). Based on the results, the UPSKILLEAD consortium identified 6 Digital Competences to be included in the UPSKILLEAD Framework (IO2):

- Staying Safe Online
- Using Social Media in Education
- Learning Management System (Moodle)
- Graphic Design
- Web Design
- Use of Interactive White Board

The Framework has been designed with benchmarks and indicators against which Adult Educators skills will be evaluated. It includes the theoretical and practical knowledge, skills and attitudes to be acquired by the Adult Educators as well as the teaching and the assessment methods.

Within the Intellectual Output 3, Digital Up-skilling Curriculum and Training Material for Adult Educators have been finalized, which are necessary for the implementation of the Adult Educators' training. For recognition, validation and endorsement of the digital skills acquired by Adult Educators, Open Badge System will be used. The eco-system based on the Up-skilling Digital Competence Framework (IO2) in terms of objectives and links between the assessment tools (IO3), structure (level, hierarchy and connections), criteria and description for issuers were designed.

Project partnership

- RIC Novo mesto (Slovenia)
- Pixel (Italy)
- Emphasys Centre (Cyprus)
- Association Euni Partners (Bulgaria)
- DRPDNM - Društvo za Razvijanje Prostovoljnega Dela Novo Mesto (Slovenia)
- INBIE - Research and Innovation in Education Institute (Poland)



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The partnership is currently working on the design of the interactive e-learning platform to be used, which will function as an Open Learning Environment, offering interactivity options through the e-Adult Digital Academy to be set up, and the e-Data Bank for the continuous digital development of Adult educators. Adult Educators eager to upgrade their digital skill and wish to take part in the on-line course can register on the e-platform on the following link: <http://upskillead-e-learning.eu>

Short staff joint training activity in Slovenia

Between the 11th and 17th February 2018, the partners from RIC Novo mesto (SL), Inbie_pl (PL), Firenze Pixel (IT), DRPD Novo mesto (SL), Association "Euni Partners" (BG), and Emphasys Centre (CY) took part in the Short Staff Joint Training Activity, organized together with 3rd Project Meeting within the project Upskilllead and hosted by the coordinator of the project RIC Novo mesto in Novo Mesto, Slovenia.



The training was focused on presentation and analysis of the developed Open Badge system, Professional Development Program, e-tools to be used and presentation of the role of Upskilllead Mentor, who will support the process of upgrading and validation of Adult Educators' competences.

Dissemination activities

The multiplier event, organized by the partner INBIE from Poland, was held on 19 January 2018 in Czestochowa. Project's objectives and outputs were presented to more than 70 local and international participants.



The "Emphasys Centre" has participated in the International Educational Fair of Cyprus 2017 "Education and Career", organized by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus and the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KEBE), between the 17th and 19th of February in Nicosia, where the Upskilllead project was presented.



RIC Novo mesto presented the project and had professional contribution at Pedagogic andragogic day "Opportunities for strengthening the competences of AdEd", organised by the Faculty of Art Ljubljana in January 2018.



Next steps

Intellectual Output 6

Technology and Digital Professional Development Programme for Adult Educators - Implementation of in-house and on-line training, evaluation and pilot validation

IO6 will provide the opportunity to implement the project outputs and resources developed, to pilot test, evaluate and revise them before they are openly provided to the general public to be used at the National and EU level. By the end of this IO not only a substantial number of Adult Educators (over 200) will be trained in-house and on-line, but a complete Digital Professional Development Programme will be produced with case studies, guidelines, strategy, costs, SWOT analysis, monitoring tools, assessment test etc., which in addition to the FINAL Pack will provide a complete set for NGOs, Adult Organisations, public and local authorities to implement.

The specific objectives are:

- To implement the Digital Professional Development Programme designed and utilize, test and revise all deliverables produced.
- To organise and set monitoring and assessment guidelines to collect feedback, views etc., both on-line and on-papers.
- To contribute the results of this IO6 to the finalisation of the Pack (IO6)
- To pilot-test the validation process of Open Badges (IO4)
- To support target group members on how to promote further the Professional Development Programme within their network.
- To develop case studies for further learning and dissemination



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