



## Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency

Lifelong Learning: Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig and Dissemination

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**Subject: Lifelong Learning Programme - Call for Proposals 2013 (EAC/S07/12)**  
**Sub-Programme: GRUNDTVIG GMP**

<b>Reference: 539389-LLP-1-2013-1-DE-GRUNDTVIG-GMP</b> <b>Project Title: Comparative Analysis of Regional Policies for Adult Learning "REGIONL"</b>
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Dear Dr. Walter,

You have submitted an application to the Lifelong Learning Call for Proposals 2013 for the action specified above for which the Executive Agency received a total of 436 applications. I am pleased to inform you that your application has been selected for EU co-financing. Please note that the competition in Grundtvig Multilateral projects is high. The success rate for this year is 14%.

The list of all selected projects will be published on the website of the Executive Agency when all applicants have been notified about the results of the selection. The address of the website is: [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/results\\_projects/selection\\_results\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/results_projects/selection_results_en.php)

A panel of external experts assisted the Executive Agency in the evaluation of your application against the award criteria indicated in the Call for Proposals. The result of this evaluation is set out in the evaluation report by the external experts attached to this letter. Please take into account the fact that most of the evaluation reports were written by non-native speaker. The Executive Agency will not elaborate further on these assessments. A translation of the evaluation report into the correspondence language indicated in the application may be obtained upon written request (e-mail) to the Agency within one month of receipt of this letter.

The process of awarding a grant can only be finalised once the Executive Agency has received and analysed the documents as requested in the list of documents to be submitted. The documentation specified must be submitted within a period of 10 working days from the date of receipt of this letter. Should the period for submission fall within the holiday period of the Applicant Organisation, the deadline will be extended until the Applicant Organisation is open.

Please inform the Agency as soon as possible about the date you will be able to submit the requested documents. The finalisation of the Grant Agreements can only be done once all the necessary documents have been received and processed by the Agency. Therefore, the requested information needs to be received by the Agency no later than 2 September 2013.

The information specified in the list of documents to be submitted should be sent to the following address by both normal mail and by email:

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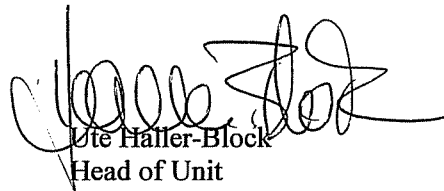
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The Executive Agency organises a kick-off meeting for newly selected projects every year. Attendance at this meeting is compulsory for all selected projects. The meeting is in the early stages of planning, but is likely to be held at the end of January 2014 in Brussels. You will be informed about the exact date and the agenda of this meeting in due course. This letter does **not** represent a financial or legal commitment of the Executive Agency. The offer of an award is confirmed only when the legal representative of the Executive Agency signs the Grant Agreement associated with this application.

Please note that the level of LLP co-financing will be finalised only after receipt and analysis of the information that you are asked to provide in annex to this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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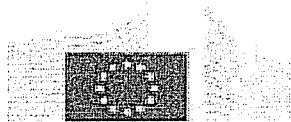
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Annexes:

Annex - Evaluation report based on the assessment by external experts

Annex - List of documents to be submitted and questions to be answered



# Lifelong Learning Programme

## Evaluation Report

### Call for proposals EAC/S07/12

Proposal number:	539389-LLP-1-2013-1-DE-GRUNDTVIG-GMP
Proposal title:	Comparative Analysis of Regional Policies for Adult Learning
Applicant organisation:	Niedersächsische Bund für freie Erwachsenenbildung e.V.

Award Criteria	Score	Max
Relevance	5	5
<p>[539389]The REGIONAL project is aimed at promoting more effective adult learning policies at regional level in European countries. Due to its nature, the project targets more objectives of LLP and also GRUNDTVIG priority 4 as by implementation of adult learners policies tailored to regional needs the multiplier effect on several areas of adult education provision can be achieved. The challenges of increasing the level of participation in adult education in many EU regions and the lack of comparative data on success factors to meet this challenge are clearly described. The proposed solutions of strengthening the regional adult learning policies in order to reduce the gap in educational inequalities and increase the participation of adults in LLL, are appropriate.</p>		
Quality of the work programme	4	5
<p>[539389]The methodology for achieving the REGIONAL project aims is well planned and covers all aspects of cross-country research as stated in the application. Planned activities, related research and monitoring are well conceived and described in detail. The mutual cooperation is transparent and all partners contribute to all WPs. Project management structures are well arranged and in line with the needs for a sound internal exchange and cooperation. The tasks of the partners correspond to their expertise. The small inconsistencies in the Work programme occur: The D3.1 and D 3.2 are supposed to be finished in the same month but D3.2 requires inputs from D 3.1. Based on the project proposal the number of investigated regions will be selected accordingly country size. Taking into consideration the number of partners in each country involved (e.g. Italy with 3 regions and 2 partners, versus Hungary – 3 regions, 1 partner and significantly lower number of population) the number of selected regions is not chosen correctly.</p>		
Innovative character	4	5
<p>[539389]The project proposal demonstrates having explored the existing evidence on comparative analysis of data on efficient and effective adult learning policies and practices at regional level. There is a clear description of how the project results will be offering new solutions to policy makers and adult education organizations to attract more adult learners and contribute to increasing the level of participation in the regions that are lagging behind the European average. The policy guide and tools will be developed on the basis of a new survey in all partner countries and close consultation among decision makers and other key players. Thus significant innovation in insights and future practices can be expected.</p>		
Quality of the Consortium	4,5	5
<p>[539389]The REGIONAL project requires cooperation of highly qualified researchers and practitioners in order to assure the appropriate research methodology elaboration, analyses and policy making tools preparation. The consortium is multi-actor, balanced in the types of institutions and experience in European projects. It is constituted of 7 partners from 6 countries. The selection of project partners is properly designed from the geographical and innovative character of the countries point of view. The proposed synthesis of the Consortium guarantees that they possess all the specific skills and competences required in the field explored for the effective and efficient implementation of the proposal, taking into account the nature of the activities and the countries involved.</p>		
European added value	3,5	5
<p>[539389]The proposed project demonstrates that the comparative policy analysis has the potential to provide added value by means of European cooperation and exchange on local experiences. Even if it is clear that the issue addressed by the application has a horizontal interest, there are differentiated levels of development in Europe and this was particularly addressed and further explained in the proposal. There are visible benefits accruing from the collaboration of the organisations across regions</p>		

through the transfer of knowledge and experience and the collective development of the policy instruments. Cultural issues are well addressed and are one of the central concerns of the project, as translation into the national languages is foreseen. However, an effective generalisation / customisation of the project outputs is not explained in detail.		
The cost-benefit ratio	4,5	5
[539389]In general the proposal represents value for money. The general consistency between the budget plan and the work plan exists. All items in the budget plan can be traced back to activities described in the work plan. The budget as a whole is not overestimated and is adequate to ensure the implementation of the work plan. The subcontracting costs are fully justified. The travel and subsistence costs are realistic. The staff costs are balanced according tasks to be undertaken by the partnership. The audit certificate is included in the budget.		
Impact	3,5	5
[539389]The REGIONAL project is very ambitious not only in term of results but also in terms of expected impact. The applicant introduces a set of activities and explains in concrete detail who will be targeted and how, including exact figures. The primary target group, regional policy makers, is clearly identified and project results address adequately their needs for new forms of funding and quality adult education provision. The foreseeable impact of the project, in the regions involved, is significant. The research is undertaken only in 6 countries and "one-size-fits-all" or uniform policy approaches will lower the potential impact on different types of European regions.		
Quality of the Valorisation plan (dissemination and exploitation of results)	4,5	5
[539389]The dissemination activities are described and will cover a wide range of different activities directly linked to the realization of the project. The work programme ensures consultation and involvement of the end-users in the survey. The exploitation plan includes activities, explained in detail and the share of each partner in the dissemination and exploitation phase will ensure that benefits will endure beyond the life of the project. Sustainability of project results is also addressed through the maintenance of the project website and all the materials developed during the project cycle. Valorisation does not include an adequate number of activities in order to reach regional and especially local key players at least in some partner countries.		
Total	33,5	40
Total in %	83,75	

Legend on scoring per award criterion:

5 – very good - *addresses the criterion with all aspects of high quality*

4 – good - *addresses the criterion with some aspects of high quality*

3 – acceptable - *addresses the criterion satisfactorily*

2 – weak - *addresses the criterion but with some weaknesses*

1 – very weak - *addresses the criterion but with significant or many weaknesses*

0 – no evidence - *fails to include a minimum amount of evidence to enable the criterion to be evaluated*

## **Financial Comments**

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**To be read in conjunction with the Evaluation Report**

General comments

The budget is an estimate and rates for staff and subsistence costs are indicative: the award of a grant does not mean approval of the maximum rates, as eligible costs must fit with the normal policy of the company and no different rates and rules can be defined for EU projects.

Please make sure when implementing the activities to allocate the costs to the correct budget heading in accordance with the provisions of the call you applied to.

Subcontracting procedures must be open, transparent and documented; therefore any name indicated in the Application can only be indicative as by definition the results of the procurement procedure cannot be known in advance.