

# TRAINING COURSE “THE POWER OF NON-FORMAL EDUCATION”

## PARTICIPANTS’ INFOPACK

Dear participants,

**Non-formal education** has existed for as long as we know. But only ‘recently’ it has been given the clarity and recognized importance it deserves! We are therefore also very pleased and enthusiast, knowing that you will participate in this Training Course (TC) focusing specifically on **non-formal education**. We hope that this training course will make a change in your daily work!



We are looking forward to welcome you on this TC and to work together with you on the different aspects and quality elements within **non-formal education**!

We hope that you are as excited as we are with this TC which is specially designed for experienced and new users of European mobility Programmes, especially the **Erasmus+ Programme**.

This TC is not only based on a ‘one way information-flow’ but requires a **pro-active** participation from you. Therefore the importance of this information before the start of an adventurous, challenging and inspiring TC!

This pack contains all the important topics and information which regards you as participant. Having read, understood and agreed upon all of this will allow you fully to enjoy and involve.

Please **read carefully** next chapters. We have tried to include all possible information in this pack, even the apparently obvious topics. Don’t hesitate to contact us in case something might not be clear. At a later stage (after the selection procedure) you will receive further practical information in relation to your stay, the training etc.

Once you are selected, please check with your National Agency the travel conditions, and the possibility to **travel green**, once this is an important priority of the Erasmus+ Programme.



The trainers’ team.



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## 1. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SOME ASPECTS ...

### For whom?

-  All actors in the educational field working in different sectors (vocational, adult, formal, non-formal sector...), with a clear priority for Adult Education.
-  Coming from different countries in Europe, either with a long history of using NFE, or in countries where everything this is still in initial stage.





Participants should be at least 18 years old and should have a **good level of English**.

Group size: approx. 30 participants

### 'To do what' more concretely?

**Main aim:** to improve our educational impacts through experiencing a non-formal educational (NFE) process.

#### **More concretely:**

-  To broaden our perception of NFE and its potential impacts in our different realities in Europe.
-  To explore the complementarity between formal and non-formal educational sector.
-  To affirm the political dimension of non-formal education, as a way to take an active role in society (empowerment process).
-  To reconsider our daily educational work practices, identify our challenges in order to improve the coherence between values we promote and our daily actions.

#### **What it is NOT:**

To avoid you come with wrong expectations, below a small list of what not to expect:

- You will not practice how to run methods.
- It is not a Partnership Building Activity, even though finding a partner(s) for possible future projects together is absolutely an added value and great opportunity.
- It is not a 'Toolfair', for such an event we refer to the regular organised 'Toolfairs'.



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## 2. THE PROGRAMME

### The pedagogical process



The TC is not limited to the couple of days we spend together but starts before the actual encounter. Participants should therefore be well aware that they will be actively involved from the very beginning.

#### A FUNDAMENTAL FLOW DURING THE TRAINING

Experiencing: different educational settings, different methods based upon non-formal education (role play, simulation game, exercises...).

Reflecting: on the methods and its impacts, on the power and limits of NFE, on building a pedagogical process.

Transferring: to the own reality of participants, in order to improve ways of working with adult learners.

Sharing: different perceptions, current situations and experiences.



#### THE SESSION 'P2P' OR ... PEER TO PEER

Every day, we organise a P2P session for 30 minutes. This in the format of an 'Open Agenda'. In other words: everyone can propose topics and we have different spaces available where each topic can take place. This can serve for multiple purposes. A few examples:

- Sharing of a good practice
- Opening a debate upon a topic important for you
- Networking
- Exploring together different methodologies
- Sharing challenges within Erasmus+ Adult Education
- ... (whatever fits in the objectives of the TC)

### Euhm ...free time?

When you look at the programme (page 5), you will notice that free time is very sparse. In case you wish to see more of the country, we advise you to come earlier or stay longer (note: at own expense). As you make the travel anyway, this might be a good opportunity. Check with your National Agency for possibilities concerning the dates of your ticket/travel. We wish to inform participants that this training course is very intensive, not in physical terms but in terms of 'working time' and keeping the mind busy 😊

## 3. FOR YOU TO BRING

### About your organisation

During this training course, we will not have an organised time slot for each one to present his/her organisation. However, informal time or the foreseen “Peer to Peer” moments can be used to do so. In case you are interested, you can bring materials. In case you wish to bring PowerPoint Presentations or show pictures from a cloud, there will be additional possibilities to show these during the informal moments and the coffee breaks.

### About your reality

Most of you have probably experienced before an ‘International or intercultural Evening’. Also during this training course we plan to organise one. But ... you will have more details during the TC.

You're warmly invited to contribute to this Intercultural Evening by bringing gastronomic specialities from your region, garden, or local fair trade—whether food or drinks. Please note that heating or cooking on-site won't be possible. What you choose doesn't need to be a stereotypical dish from your country; instead, we encourage you to share something that truly reflects your daily life and personal tastes.

This evening is meant as a social happening, with sharing as a central theme.

Bringing with you different board games or a music instrument to be used at informal times is not forbidden. 😊

### Trainers' team

This TC will be run by a team of 3 experienced trainers:



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Looking forward to meet you soon!

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# The Power of non-formal education

## A Training Course for Promoters of the Erasmus+ Programme



DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
	9.00: Discovering each other, Presentation of TC	9.00 Group experience: simulation exercise Plan B (citizenship & community building)	9.00 Where are we in our learning process?	9.00: "P2P: Peer to Peer" + Debriefing Back to reality: intro
	11.30 : Informal, formal and non-formal education: shaking and sharing perceptions	Debriefing Plan B	10.45 The Erasmus+ Programme 12.15 "P2P: Peer to Peer" 12.45 Self-Assessment time	11.30 Practical examples of educational activities out of the box
	13.00 - Lunch	13.30 Lunch	13.30 Lunch	12.30 Lunch
	14.30 The 'fun' of learning	15.00 Analysing educational activities	Free time	14.00 From learning outputs to Personal action plan
Arrival participants	16.15 - Activity '1 step forward' 17.45 - "P2P: Peer to peer"	17.50 "P2P: Peer to Peer" 18.20 Self-assessment time		17.15 TC evaluation & non-closure
19.00 Dinner	19:00 Dinner	19.30 Dinner	19.00 Dinner	19.30 Dinner
20.15: First evening session	20.30: Recognition of NFE in our realities & Self-assessment Intro	20.30 International / intercultural evening (in an interactive way)	Free evening	Last evening (organised by the group)

Hours are subject to be adapted according to the rules of the hosting place

A training course organised within the philosophy of Erasmus+.

P2P : Collective self-directed learning space, to give an opportunity for participants to cover the learning needs not covered by the sessions.