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– Learning Outcome of Amateur Culture

is a Grundtvig Multilateral project, funded by the European Commission in Brussels as part of the Lifelong Learning Programme.

The objectives are to strengthen the qualities and innovations of the adult learning in the area of the voluntary cultural associations by piloting experiences in strategic areas and producing learning products of high quality with a European dimension

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The Idea

The idea of the project is to promote a documentation and validation of amateur culture from the perspective of lifelong learning, with the purpose to improve the learning quality and outcome of the voluntary cultural activities, and thereby to make them more attractive and transparent for actual and potential participants.

The outputs

The main output is first of all the development of two types of interrelated on line tools, one type for the learners' valuation of the personal learning outcome, and another for the providers' valuation of the organisational learning. Each type will consist of a series of Danish, English, Dutch and Slovenia editions used by the associations participating in the project.

The second main output is the initiation of a transnational course programme for active in Europe's amateur culture, by a pilot Grundtvig in-training course and pilot Grundtvig workshop. An integrated part of the courses will be exchange of experiences regarding innovative products and best practice in different learning areas, incl. introductions to the methodology and practical use of the personal and organisational tool.

The third main output is three English publications. The first is the survey report on valuation of learning qualities and outcome in amateur cultural activities, incl. results of questionnaires and

interviews in the associations of the Partnership circle.

The second is the compendia on Best Practice with focus first on the main aims of active citizenship, cultural cohesion, personal fulfillment and employability; secondly on a broader view on learning as composed of the three interrelated dimensions: competence, knowledge and personal formation; thirdly on social inclusion of people of all ages, including those with special needs and disadvantaged groups; and finally on improving possibilities of transnational European activities as part of ordinary activities of the cultural associations.

The third is the compendia on European week courses on learning dimensions of amateur culture, including annexes on announcements and administration.

The consortium

The consortium represents significant umbrella organizations of amateur culture in each participating country. This implies first a huge network and surface of contact, and secondly a potential strong impact of the project results on the activities of the voluntary cultural area.



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During the project, the following three project publications are published:

The Anthology on best practice of the partnerships activities with focus on 1) the overarching aims of lifelong learning, 2) a broader view on learning incl. competence, knowledge and personal formation, 3) the possibilities of transnational European cooperation. English edition. 60 pages.

The final survey report on validation of learning qualities and outcome in amateur art and voluntary cultural activities. English edition. 160 pages.

The compendium on European week courses on learning dimensions of amateur culture including validation of personal learning outcome for learners and organisational outcome for leaders and organisers of the activities. English ed. 30 pages.

The reports will be published both as paper editions and PDF-editions. They can be requested or downloaded from the project website

www.interfolk.dk/loac

The new online tools for personal and organizational validation of learning outcome can be seen and used from this website:

<http://grundtvig.netschooltools.com>