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Upbringing learning motivation of adults

Project coordinator: College of Social Science (<http://www.smk.lt>)**Project type:** Nordplus Adult**Project period:** 1st of September 2010 – 31st of December 2011**Project objectives:**

- To strengthen and develop cooperation between Baltic and Nordic countries' educational institutions, private companies specializing in training of adults
- Establish a thematic network working at improvement of access and availability of adult education and upbringing learning motivation of adults, especially living in rural areas or having a need for second chance learning

Target groups:

Adults living in rural areas
Low skilled people
People with reduced ability to work
People facing a career change and having need for a second chance education
Older people
Adult educational institutions

Project summary:

The statistical data shows that continuing education of adults in Lithuania and other Baltic states isn't enough developed comparing with the average of other EU Countries. Adults are not highly motivated to attend in lifelong learning programs and only a very small part of adults take part in training programs. Older age people and low skilled people living in rural areas or belonging to other vulnerable social groups, usually fall out of the adult educational system. The lowest participation in the education system of adults have people belonging to the groups of social exclusion, e.g. people of lower social status living in rural areas. It makes a high impact towards the separation, imbalance and unsustainable development of a society. The main problems in Baltic countries are: low access and availability of adult education for people meeting social exclusion and low level of motivation among adults for lifelong learning. Nordic countries have a different experience in training of adults, which could be useful and adaptable for Lithuania, Baltic States and probably other countries having the same problems in the adult education. An efficient cooperation between Baltic and Nordic countries' educational institutions specializing in training adults, nongovernmental institutions,

research centres, private companies and establishment of the thematic network would be necessary and useful to all countries participating in this project.

This action will give all possibilities and conditions to organize and make scientific researches, exchange good experience, impact the policy of adults education and continuing teaching in all participating countries. The cooperation and experience gained will also give possibilities to use new methods, instruments, create and implement new projects in the area of strengthening access, availability and learning motivation of adults, social exclusion and other vulnerable groups of the society.

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