



Validation of non-formal and informal learning - opportunities for special target groups

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The Finnish National Agency for Education has a pleasure to invite European adult educators and staff working with adult learning to a **thematic seminar on Validation of non-formal and informal learning**.

In most European countries Validation of non-formal and informal learning is carried out in the context of formal education - vocational education and training or higher education. However, the non-formal AL sector often has a crucial role in dealing with special target groups, such as immigrants, long-term unemployed, prisoners and individuals with special needs, and making their competences visible.



Questions we will tackle in the seminar are various: How can adult education better integrate validation in their core activities? What kind of tools are available for validation? How do we indicate the key stakeholders essential to validation? How do we provide high-quality validation procedures and have the individual in the focus?

The seminar will take place in **Kuopio, Finland on the 28th of November – 1st of December, 2017**. In the seminar, you will have a fantastic opportunity to learn from expert key notes and interactive workshops. You will have a chance to create a wide European network of adult educators, who are interested in the same theme – and, of course, to see a bit of Finnish Lake District and enjoy the Eastern Finnish hospitality.

After the seminar, you will be able to better



- comprehend the VNIFL (Validation of Non-formal and Informal Learning) process with its benefits and challenges; understand the terminology related to VNIFL and depict the quality assurance outlines of the VNIFL process
 - grasp the VNIFL process from the viewpoint of national as well as European frame of reference
 - use and have access to available tools created for VNFIL practitioners
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- take advantage of a European network of adult educators and pool of experts working with VNFIL
 - plan and implement VNIFL procedures in your organization.



Target group of the participants

Adult educators and other staff working with adult learning, who have a focus on special target groups, such as immigrants, refugees, long-term unemployed, prisoners, people with special needs etc. We also encourage the AL staff of National Agencies to participate to share the common learning experience.

Seminar fee

The seminar fee is **750 euros**. It will be covered by your [National Agency](#) in case you have been selected to participate the seminar. The seminar fee includes accommodation, meals and the seminar programme (including all materials). The travel costs are not included in the seminar fee, but they will be reimbursed by your National Agency. We have limited the number of participants to 70 people, which means that 2-4 persons per country can participate.



Start and end of the seminar

The seminar will kick off on **Tuesday the 28th of November**. The registration will start at **18.00** and we are inviting the participants to a relaxed get-together. The **dinner will start at 20.00**.

The end of the seminar is on the **Friday the 1st of December at 13.00** (official programme will end at 12.00, after which we will have lunch).

We wish that all participants could book their flights so that they will be able to stay for the entire duration of the seminar.

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