

## INVITATION

### Erasmus+ for Adult Education Contact Seminar “Lifelong Learning in Prisons” Oulu, Finland 4 – 7 October 2016

We are glad to invite you to the contact seminar organised by the Finnish Erasmus+ National Agency, Centre for International Mobility CIMO.

The contact seminar brings together prison education professionals from different European countries, giving them the possibility to network with each other and learn from the ideas and practices of their European colleagues. The aim of the seminar is to produce project ideas and start the planning process of Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships. The participants can benefit from the contacts also when looking for suitable host organizations for Erasmus+ Mobility Projects.

Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships aim to support the development, transfer and implementation of innovative practices as well as the implementation of joint initiatives promoting cooperation, peer learning and exchange of experience at European level. The projects can focus on various aspects of prison education, for instance:

- Adult basic education, basic skills (literacy, numeracy, digital skills), soft skills
- Guidance and counselling, validation of prior learning
- Digital learning, use of ICT, distance learning
- Arts and cultural creativity
- In-service teacher training for prison education
- Learning needs of foreign offenders, offenders with a migrant or ethnic minority background, female offenders, offenders with learning difficulties or mental health problems
- Resettlement, reintegration, employment of (ex-)offenders

**Profile of participants:** The seminar is targeted at adult education professionals working in the field of prison education, e.g. teachers, trainers, advisers, counsellors and other practitioners, staff of NGOs or other organisations working with (ex-)offenders and representatives of authorities in charge of prison education. The participants should be interested in exchanging and developing good practices, methods, materials, tools, pedagogical approaches and/or ways of working in European cooperation and committed to plan Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships (KA2) on the theme of the seminar. The seminar is open to all Erasmus+ programme countries.

**Starting date of the event:** 04/10/2016 (in the evening)

**Ending date of the event:** 07/10/2016 (at noon)

**Event venue (city, country):** Oulu, Finland

**Working language:** English

**Programme:** The seminar programme is composed of keynote speeches, networking activities, visit to a prison, Erasmus+ programme information and working sessions with potential project partners. The participants will get hands-on guidance how to use [EPALE](#) (ePlatform for Adult Learning in Europe) as a tool for international cooperation and enriching one's daily work. We will do our best to show the participants a piece of the city and the Finnish cuisine as well.

**Contact seminar fee:** 750 € covering accommodation (3 nights), meals, seminar programme incl. visits and cultural activities. The organiser will charge the fee from the sending NA.

**Travel costs:** covered by the participant/sending NA

**Travel information:** Oulu is located in the North of Finland with good flight connections via Helsinki. Alternatively the train can be used. The travel time by train from Helsinki is 6-7 hours.

**Number of places in total:** 45

**Number of participants per country:** 1-3 (depending on the number of interested countries)

**Deadline for reserving places by NAs:** 13/05/2016 by email to [grundtvig\(at\)cimo.fi](mailto:grundtvig(at)cimo.fi)

**Deadline for confirming the number of places to sending NAs by the organiser:** 20/05/2016

**Deadline for sending participants' contact information to the organiser:** 17/06/2016

**Registration:** Link to the registration form will be sent to the appointed participants.

**Is National Agencies staff welcome?** Due to the limited number of participants that can be hosted, priority is given to representatives of the target groups. 1-3 NA staff members in total are welcome to facilitate the work of the project groups. It would be advantageous if the potential NA staff members had experience in project administration, especially projects concerning prison education. The costs for NA staff is to be covered by their own NA.

**Additional information:** The programme and practical information will be published on the event website <http://tca-fi.wix.com/prisoneducation> at a later date.

**Organiser:**

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