

Topic: **Recognition of formal, informal and non-formal learning in adult education; Euro-CV**

Background: Recognition non-formal learning follows the principles and objectives of life long learning in the European Commission for recognising, evaluating and acknowledging the participation and results in non-formal learning processes.

TSL- WEA is participating a Refine –project financed by the European Union according to the Joint Actions –programme. The objective of the project is to test existing methods for recognising and acknowledging informal and non-formal learning, knowledge and skills. Joint Actions is a sub-programme for Sokrates, Leonardo da Vinci and Youth –programmes, which improves the possibilities to find synergies between different programmes and their outcomes.

Objectives: The participants are encouraged to recognise their own skills and learning processes according to the life long learning by gathering information into a personal skills inventory. These skills and informal and non-formal learning will be listed in the Euro-CV.

The inventory of own skills by informal and non-formal learning will give a picture of the skills and knowledge, which has been learned through a life time. The inventory is supposed to be started from the very beginning: childhood, kinder garden, school: what have I learned as a child, at school? What kind of skills have I obtained during school and beyond the school programme? Further more, what kind of informal and non-formal learning have I proceeded in my working life? What kind of values and attitudes have I learned at work? What skills have I learned, which are not recognisable in my certificates? How have my hobbies and other activities increased my social, organisational, technical, artistic knowledge and skills? What other valuable knowledge have I gained through my activities?

The objective of the Euro-CV is to gather together information about knowledge and skills, which can be recognised and acknowledged when a person is for example applying to further training in a European level.