

## Partner searching file GRUNDTVIG Learning Partnerships 2013

**Polish organization is searching for partners** to the multilateral project under Grundtvig programme - Grundtvig Learning Partnership.

Preliminary project title	<b>European citizenship education for adult learners</b>	
<b>Polish organisation</b>		
Name	“Initiative Fund” Foundation	
Type of organisation	NFP-NGO-Non-governmental organisation („NGO”)	
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The characteristics of the organisation (main areas of educational activities, who are adult learners, etc.)	“Initiative Fund” Foundation is a non-profit nongovernmental organization active in the field of adult education. The majority of our activities is co-financed by the European Union from the European Social Fund and encompasses trainings, conferences, workshops, social actions as well as information, promotional and publishing activities. We provide trainings for adult learners in such fields as: international and structural project management, conducting business activity, floristry, tourism, human resources and payroll, computer accounting, ICT. We promote the idea of lifelong learning, personal development, vocational and social activation, entrepreneurship as well as culture and art. Our Foundation undertakes activities aiming at developing sensitivity to humanistic, pro-social and cultural values.	
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### Summary of the project

Aims, objectives, general approach	<p>The development of the European Union left many people befuddled with the number of the newly established structures and regulations. Not having necessary skills and/or knowledge they have found themselves lost in the European Union’s community and are not able to benefit from its profits. Many times, they struggle to accommodate this new perspective but the task proves to be difficult to accomplish (especially for people from the disadvantaged groups). Not only does it require obtaining some specific knowledge and competences, but also it means redefining oneself as a European citizen. The emerging challenge is to keep the balance between one’s national and European patriotism. Here, we see a big role for citizenship education in lifelong learning process. Adult education seems to lack this vital aspect, which is mostly included in young people’s education. The project’s aim is <b><u>to highlight the importance of European citizenship education for adult learners and to define its main features</u></b>. Adult learners require appropriate approach, which would focus on their special needs and characteristic aspects of learning processes. By sharing experience with international partners we will be able to discuss and compare different ideas considering adult education in our field of interest. <b><u>How should we teach European citizenship to adults? What methods have we been using? Can we come up with some new approaches?</u></b> These are the questions we would like to answer.</p>
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Activities (number and aims of partners' meetings, main national activities between partner meetings)	We would like to bring together different partners to maximize the diversity of experience, methods and approaches within our group. We plan to organise meetings in each participating country focused on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exchanging experience and good practices in the subject of the project;</li> <li>• Defining European citizenship education – its role, main aims and objectives;</li> <li>• Defining and discussing special needs of adult learners in our field of interest;</li> <li>• Sharing experience in the field of European citizenship education methods;</li> <li>• Review of innovative approaches to citizenship education in each country;</li> </ul>				
Expected outcomes (results, effects, products, also such as reports, websites, etc.)	The project will help adult learners gain the knowledge and skills enabling them to become an active member of both, one's country and European Union. This will be the result of including the effects of our common work into our everyday training activities as well as their dissemination. Project will contribute to an invaluable personal and professional development of learners and tutors.				
Working language of the project	English				
Duration	2 years (August 2013 – July 2015)				
<b>Seeking for</b>	coordinator			<b>partners</b>	x

**Potential partners**

Types of organisations, countries, etc.	When your organisation is interested to participate, please react immediately and send us a short information about your organisation, its profile and experience.  This project is still being developed, it's possible to include similar themes, which may be of more interest for your organization.
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**Feel welcome to cooperate with us!**