



## US & THEM: dialog, tolerance, collaboration for good coexistence in a multicultural world!



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### NOTES FROM THE FOURTH PROJECT MEETING in SPAIN

The fourth project meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 in Murcia, Spain. The meeting started with the presentation of the current status regarding the project implementation: all foreseen activities according to the Work Plan. Immediately after the presentation of the current status on project implementation, the coordinator informed the partners about NA monitoring visit which took place the day before the meeting.

The main topics on the agenda regarded finalising Handbook II and aspects on the implementation of the Intensive course for Adult Learners (citizens of multicultural societies). The other discussion topics were about Case Studies and Multiplier Events (national dissemination seminars) which will take place in September 2017.

At the end of the meeting, a satisfaction survey was done and certificates of attendance were handed.

### CASE STUDIES ARE IN PROGRESS

Case Studies based on the feedback and assessment of the Focus Groups that were organized at the end of the intensive course in each country, have been prepared and will be finalised by Coleg Cambria. Each partner organisation provided a national Case Study comprising information collected from the feedback given by the participants of the "Intensive Course For Adult Learners".

The Case Studies will be addressed to a large diversity of target audience, including Adult Learners, Adult Educators, AE providers, stakeholders, authorities and decision-makers as well as to ordinary citizens. They will emphasize the impact and the effects of the intensive course for learners living in multicultural societies, "One day in the shoes of the Other", and will constitute a proof upon the need of strengthening the initiatives and actions for multicultural education, for a consolidated approach regarding tolerant, peaceful and non-violent coexistence. Each national Case Study was elaborated on a common structure, which envisaged to point on the following aspects at the level of Adult Learner participants:

- expectations from the course;
- what I have learned;
- what I have changed (in terms of mentality, attitude, behaviour);
- testimonials from participants;
- a thought for the „other“.

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### INTENSIVE COURSE FOR ADULT LEARNERS "One Day in the Shoes of the OTHER"

An Intensive Course for Adult Learners, lasting 12 hours and completed in three days, was organized by project partners in their countries and national languages, in June and July. All partners intended to create a multicultural environment consisting participants from different religious, cultural and ethnic groups in order to increase the cultural awareness and enhance the dialog, tolerance and collaboration amongst the learners. The course based on Handbook II was provided by the adult educators who participated in the blended training course "Managing multicultural and multi-ethnic groups for tolerance and good coexistence", during the previous phase of the project. At the end of the course, in each country it was organised a Focus Group to evaluate the course and collect feedback. Each participant received a "Certificate of Attendance" for the completion of the course. All trainees were pleased with the training sessions and had as regret just the fact that the duration of the course was quite short. All of them got actively involved in the activities and had noteworthy feedback:

*"It helped me because I live in a community with different people and we have to respect each other."*

*"This course made me reflect on my attitudes and behaviour."*

*"Well, it [the training] made us adjust to the situation we face now with the Westerns... it was very useful."*

*"Thanks to this course and to the educators I see in a different way and more clearly the world around me."*



### NEXT STEPS

▶ A National Dissemination Seminar addressed to stakeholders and target group members will be organized by each project partner. It will help to present the project idea, elicit critical appraisal from institutions working with the target groups and to validate project outputs.

▶ The Fifth and also the Final Project Meeting will be hosted by CIMEM on 9/10 October in Çan, TURKEY. It will have a high value as it will take place just before the end of the project.

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