



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

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WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED SO FAR...

1. Transnational Report on the specific features of diverse European cultures and sub-cultures.

- Some of the main findings of this report are:
- There are different situations in partner countries: the combination of cultures, religions and ethnicities is unique in each country. Their features have similarities but also differences.
 - In multicultural societies media plays a key role that should be taken into account, somehow, in Adult Education training.
 - There is a strong need to coordinate different existing actions at local level.
 - In the analyzed countries there are no relevant cultural or religious conflicts.
 - Existence of reluctance to practice multiculturalism was noticed and this is due mainly to the lack of mutual knowledge.
 - The predominance of neutral answers obtained in our survey through questionnaires, interviews and focus groups is a consequence of lack of mutual knowledge and contacts among people belonging to different cultures.

The research phase of our project has demonstrated how necessary the "Us&Them" project is, because there is still a lot to be done in terms of education and training for improving real multiculturalism in our societies.

2. Curriculum for the Adult Educators training course "Managing multicultural and multi-ethnic groups of adult learners for tolerance and good coexistence": aims to support skills enhancement of adult educators. It includes conceptual definitions for multicultural education, learning objectives and outcomes and provides practical suggestions, materials and resources for educators. It represents the basis for the blended learning of Adult Educators in our project.

3. Educational Plan for Adult Educators training course: it provides information about the blended learning: face-to-face training (20 hours), online training (20 hours) and training in Lisbon in September 2016 (40 hours).

4. Designing the modules for the online training: 3 modules with 2 units each, namely: M1 "Training Needs of Adult Educators"; M2 "The 'Inclusive' Teacher"; M3 "Supporting Learners".

5. Second Meeting: was held between 6th and 7th of April 2016 in Drogheda (Ireland). The results and achievements so far have been analyzed and the tasks and activities ahead have been carefully planned.

JOINT STAFF TRAINING EVENT

The joint staff training event was implemented between 15th and 19th of February 2016, in Rome. The host and organizer of this training mobility was the Italian partner, STAFF CONSULT s.r.l. The training served as the basis for the Adult Educators Curriculum development and Handbook I for blended learning. During the training, the participants had the chance to visit institutions, meet professionals and be provided with expert-lectures related to the topics of the "Us&Them" project. The visited institutions where training activities and share of good practices took place are: Public library "G. Mameli"; Celio Azzurro ECEC Centre - a reception centre for children of immigrants and Italians; Caritas-Migrantes Roma; Immigrazione school of Italian language; Centro Iniziativa Democratica Insegnanti; Rome contemporary art museum "MAXXI Museum of XXI century art MAXXI".

After each visit or lecture, additional activities such as debates, workshops and round tables, initial and final evaluations were also included in the training.



NEXT STEPS

- The Portuguese partner ANJAF will host the Training Mobility of Adult Learners. The training will last for 5 days and it will be held between 25th and 30th of September 2016 in Lisbon, Portugal.
- Third Project Meeting will be held on 22/23 November 2016 in Nicosia – Cyprus.
- Handbook I for Adult Educators is under development and will be soon finalised.
- In September 2016 we will start designing Handbook II for Adult Learners.

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