



TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION ACTIVITY

**CONTACT SEMINAR: "LIFELONG LEARNING IN PRISONS"**

4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – Oulu, FINLAND

**Working language:**

English

**Number of Spanish participants:**

up to 3 (pending on final selection by Finnish Erasmus+ National Agency).

**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.

**Aim**

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



**Draft 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.

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

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

**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.

**Additional Information:**

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

## COSTS

This activity is financed by the Erasmus+ Programme. Being selected for this activity, all costs (event fee, accommodation, travel, visa, etc.) relevant to participation in the seminar will be covered by the National Agencies involved in this project.

You may be asked to cover travel costs in advance and they will be reimbursed after your return, once you have provided Spanish NA with the documentation. Please contact us at [tca.escolaradultos@sepie.es](mailto:tca.escolaradultos@sepie.es) to learn more about the financial details, and how to arrange the booking of your travel tickets and the reimbursement of your travel expenses.