

Lifelong Learning Programme

Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) is a European funding programme which supports education and training across Europe. The LLP provides funding for all stages of lifelong learning; for activities at school, at college, at university, in the workplace and in the community. The LLP is made up of several different programmes offering a variety of opportunities.

The general objective of the Lifelong Learning Programme is to contribute through lifelong learning to the development of the Community as an advanced knowledge-based society, with sustainable economic development, more and better jobs and greater social cohesion, while ensuring good protection of the environment for future generations. In particular, it aims to foster interchange, cooperation and mobility between education and training systems within the Community so that they become a world quality reference.

The Lifelong Learning Programme shall have the following specific objectives:

- To contribute to the development of quality lifelong learning, and to promote high performance, innovation and a European dimension in systems and practices in the field;
- To support the realisation of a European area for lifelong learning;
- To help improve the quality, attractiveness and accessibility of the opportunities for lifelong learning available within Member States;
- To reinforce the contribution of lifelong learning to social cohesion, active citizenship, intercultural dialogue, gender equality and personal fulfilment;
- To help promote creativity, competitiveness, employability and the growth of an entrepreneurial spirit;

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- To contribute to increased participation in lifelong learning by people of all ages, including those with special needs and disadvantaged groups, regardless of their socio-economic background;
- To promote language learning and linguistic diversity;
- To support the development of innovative ICT-based content, services, pedagogies and practice for lifelong learning;
- To reinforce the role of lifelong learning in creating a sense of European citizenship based on understanding and respect for human rights and democracy, and encouraging tolerance and respect for other peoples and cultures;
- To promote cooperation in quality assurance in all sectors of education and training in Europe;
- To encourage the best use of results, innovative products and processes and to exchange good practice in the fields covered by the Lifelong Learning Programme, in order to improve the quality of education and training.

Sub-programmes:

- *Comenius* programme, which shall address the teaching and learning needs of all those in pre-school and school education up to the level of the end of upper secondary education, and the institutions and organisations providing such education;
- *Erasmus* programme, which shall address the teaching and learning needs of all those in formal higher education and vocational education and training at tertiary level, whatever the length of their course or qualification may be and including doctoral studies, and the institutions and organisations providing or facilitating such education and training;
- *Leonardo da Vinci* programme, which shall address the teaching and learning needs of all those in vocational education and training, other than at tertiary level, as well as the institutions and organisations providing or facilitating such education and training;

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- *Grundtvig* programme, which shall address the teaching and learning needs of those in all forms of adult education, as well as the institutions and organisations providing or facilitating such education.

Lifelong Learning Programme is aimed at:

- Pupils, students, trainees and adult learners;
- Teachers, trainers and other staff involved in any aspect of lifelong learning;
- People in the labour market;
- Institutions or organisations providing learning opportunities within the context of the Lifelong Learning Programme, or within the limits of its sub-programmes;
- The persons and bodies responsible for systems and policies concerning any aspect of lifelong learning at local, regional and national level;
- Enterprises, social partners and their organisations at all levels, including trade organisations and chambers of commerce and industry;
- Bodies providing guidance, counselling and information services relating to any aspect of lifelong learning;
- Associations working in the field of lifelong learning, including students', trainees', pupils', teachers', parents' and adult learners' associations;
- Research centres and bodies concerned with lifelong learning issues;
- Non-profit organisations, voluntary bodies, non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

Budget:

The indicative financial envelope for the implementation of this Decision for the period of seven years as from 1 January 2007 is set at EUR 6 970 000 000. Within this envelope, the amounts to be allocated to the Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci and Grundtvig programmes shall not be less than as set out in point B.11 of the Annex.

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Information:

Additional information is available on the web-site of the programme:

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