

## Background information on the LLP

### The Lifelong Learning Programme 2007-2013

The European Commission has integrated its various educational and training initiatives under a single umbrella, the **Lifelong Learning Programme**. With a significant budget of nearly EUR 7 billion for 2007 to 2013, the new Lifelong Learning Programme enables individuals at all stages of their lives to pursue stimulating learning opportunities across Europe. It consists of four sub-programmes:

- **Comenius** (for schools),
- **Erasmus** (for higher education),
- **Leonardo da Vinci** (for vocational education and training)
- **Grundtvig** (for adult education).

The 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:

- [Comenius](#) - project-based partnerships, in-service opportunities and assistantships for all levels of school and further education.
- [Erasmus](#) - supports the mobility of HE students and staff across Europe, for both work placement and study purposes.
- [Leonardo](#) - for the development of skills and training.
- [Grundtvig](#) - a passport to partnerships and training opportunities for adult education organisations, teachers and learners.
- [Transversal Study Visits](#) - giving UK learning professionals the chance to exchange expertise with their European colleagues.

The following **countries** participate in the Lifelong Learning Programme :

European Union Member States - Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands, United Kingdom

EFTA/EEA countries - Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey (Croatia and Macedonia may participate in the future)

## **In-Service Training grants funded by the European Commission under the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP)**

### **Grundtvig In-service Training grants**

This part of the Grundtvig programme provides an opportunity for staff working with adult learners to improve their practical skills and to gain a broader understanding of lifelong learning across Europe. Grants are available to work-shadow counterparts in another European country, participate in a relevant European conference or attend a training course.

### **Comenius In-service Training grants**

Ever thought of participating in an in-service training activity in another European country? Teachers and other school education staff can attend a course or undertake a job shadowing activity with a partner school.

## **In-Service Training FAQs**

### **Do I need to be a teacher?**

No! A wide range of people can apply for grants, for example:

- adult educators in any field and the trainers of such educators;
- heads and managerial staff of institutions/organisations providing adult learning opportunities;
- staff involved in intercultural adult education or working with migrant workers and travellers;
- staff working with adults with specific educational needs;
- staff working with persons at risk, for example, mediators and street educators;
- counsellors or career advisors;
- additional categories of adult education staff at the discretion of national authorities
- qualified and practising teachers of an official language of the EU (or Irish or Luxembourgish) as a foreign language;
- trainers of foreign language teachers;
- teachers re-training as a foreign language teacher;
- inspectors or advisors in the field of language teaching.

### **What funding is available?**

A grant contribution towards course fees, travel and subsistence costs is available. In-Service Training grants for 2008 have the following funding limits:

- For activity up to 1 week: € 1,500
- For activity up to 2 weeks: € 2,500
- For activity up to 6 weeks: € 3,000