

INNOVATION FOR RESILIENCE – NEW APPROACHES TO BASIC SKILLS PROVISION IN THE POST-COVID ERA

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THE EBSN'S CBS AND PDS SERIES IN THE CONTEXT OF CURRENT EUROPEAN POLICY

▶ **CAPACITY BUILDING SERIES**

- ▶ Supporting policy makers and stakeholders at national and regional level to build capacities for designing and implementing relevant Upskilling Pathways and effective basic skills provision

▶ **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES**

- ▶ Supporting national policies in building facilities for professionalisation of basic skills teachers
- ▶ Providing access to high quality on-line learning to BS professionals

▶ **EBSN CAFÉ**

- ▶ Exploring new needs, sharing new knowledge, identifying innovative trends, remarkable practices

▶ Aims

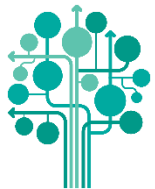
- ▶ Promoting highlights of the current **Skills Agenda**: EPSR, Building **resilience** of citizens with low basic skills, **Upskilling Pathways**, Skills for Life, **Digital & green transition**, professional development, **micro credentials** etc...
- ▶ **Creating spaces to policy exchange and dialogue**
- ▶ Promoting **knowledge and information sharing**
- ▶ **Exploiting the resources of the network** for the benefit of the members and for the wider adult learning community
- ▶ **Co-creation of unique contents** where different types of knowledge, competences, experience, traditions are mixed to serve a specific need

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CONTINUATION OF THE CAPACITY BUILDING SERIES ON EPALE

What we are doing in 2021...

- ▶ **Content development** (OER, podcasts, blogposts)
- ▶ **Monitoring the field, facilitating information sharing** (news, articles)
- ▶ **Content curation** (resources)
- ▶ **Providing learning opportunities** (online courses)
- ▶ **Event organisation** (EPALE Community Conference, expert livestream events, discussions)



OER: Designing Successful Digital Basic Skills Programs for Adults



- ▶ Focus on trainers, heads of institutions, instruction designers
- ▶ Blended learning in the centre
- ▶ New design (clearer, portable, more appealing)
- ▶ With resources and contributions from our members including NALA, DVV, etc...

[Access OER](#)

Supporting Teachers to Design Digital Basic Skills Programs for Adults

- ▶ On-line course implemented from **6 to 27 September, 2021**
- ▶ Helping teachers, practitioners to design their own course
- ▶ Expert support (Inga Opitz from DVV, Graciela Sbertoli - EBSN)
- ▶ Course is still accessible for self-study



EPALE podcast

Learner-centred approaches
to boost motivation

- ▶ Addressing learner motivation from an innovative angle
- ▶ Expert support
(Johanni Larjanko NVL Finland,
William Okeeffe EU Commission)

[Listen to the Podcast](#)



- ▶ Re-thinking Adult Basic Skills in the 21st Century series of podcasts
- ▶ Expert support by Doug Belshaw
- ▶ To be published




- ▶ Addressing health literacy in a post-COVID era (on 20 May 2021)
- ▶ Involving members and (!) new organisations, stakeholders
 - ▶ **Orkan Okan** from [COVID-HL Network](#) and the [Interdisciplinary Centre for Health Literacy Research](#) will share some perspectives on societal perspectives of COVID and learning,
 - ▶ **Ingrid Stegeman** from [EuroHealthNet](#) presenting international initiatives of the network in the fields of health literacy and health inequalities,
 - ▶ **Helen Ryan** from the [National Adult Literacy Agency](#) will introduce NALA's perspective on health literacy programs.

[Watch video here](#)


EPALE Discussion: Building inclusive linguistic diversity in Europe

EPALE Discussion
Building inclusive linguistic diversity in Europe



Tamás Harangozó - EBSN

Fernanda Minuz - CoE expert



- ▶ Building inclusive linguistic diversity in Europe (on 26 September, 2021)
- ▶ Joint promotion with the EU Day of Languages
 - ▶ **Fernanda Minuz**, Council of Europe Expert
 - ▶ **Video address** by Council of Europe on the EU Day of Languages

[Watch video here](#)

EBSN workshops at EPALE Community Conference 2021 (19 October)

EPALE Community Conference

18
October

10.00-11.00 CEST

WORKSHOP

*Innovation's role in the "new normal"
of basic skills training: ensuring
learner-centred design and support*



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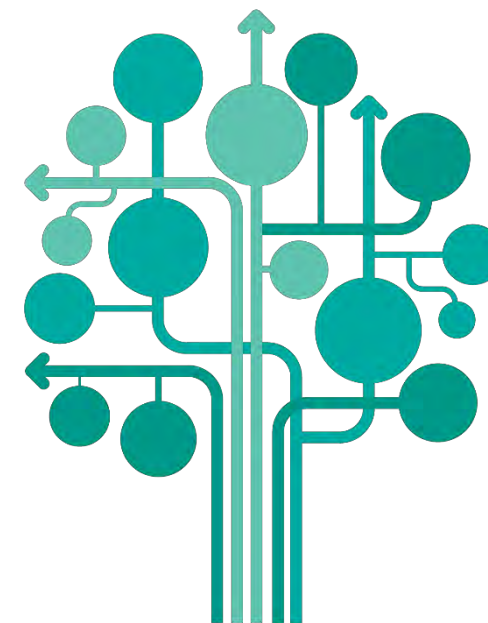
11.30-12.30 CEST

WORKSHOP

*Boosting outreach through
partnership-building in order to promote
the provision of adult basic skills*



- ▶ Blog posts:
 - ▶ Alternative design for basic skills programs:
Blended learning in post-COVID basic skills provision (Graciela Sbertoli)
[Click here to read](#)
 - ▶ **Engaging SMEs to invest in the skills of employees during COVID** (Zsolt Vincze, Tamás Harangozó)
[Click here to read](#)
 - ▶ **Lifelong learning in later life: Active aging through learning** (Satya Brink)
[Click here to read](#)



EPALE

Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe

- ▶ **More outcomes in 2021:**
 - ▶ **MOOC (15 November) on basic skills training and resilience**
 - ▶ More blogs (continuously throughout the year)
 - ▶ **1 podcast (end of November) on re-thinking adult basic skills in the 21st century – taking a stock**
 - ▶ Online discussion (next: 2 December, 202) on the future of skills

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES FOR BASIC SKILLS TEACHERS



- ▶ **As project coordinator:** KA3 Professional Development Series for Basic Skills Teachers (until 2024)
 - ▶ OERs & MOOCs for teachers on basic skills training
 - ▶ Current phase: preliminary research!
 - ▶ Next steps: needs analysis, recommendations for design

Partners:

- ▶ EBSN
- ▶ Waterford Institute of Technology (IE)
- ▶ NALA (IE)
- ▶ DRLLE, (MT)
- ▶ University of Pécs (HU)
- ▶ Folkeuniversity (NO)

Expected results:

- ▶ Series of MOOCs (6 units) with micro credentials
- ▶ Strategy for mainstreaming and integrating into national systems of professional development
- ▶ Guidance for adaptation into national contexts



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