

New EU instruments against unemployment in time of crisis: EU project Adults Training and Internationalization (EATI)

In order to face an unprecedented crisis which has radically and transversally jeopardized employment at EU level, the European Commission is financing instruments that have the goal to support those who, especially at an older age, need to look for a new job, maybe even in a different field, by updating and certifying their skills. This is the goal of the project **European Adults Training and Internationalization (EATI)**, developed to address the issue of the employment in the European context, which has been emphasized by the COVID-19 pandemic.

EATI wants to provide free of charge non-formal learning approaches and actual acknowledgments in terms of certifications with an open and flexible approach. In particular, the online platform which has been realized for the project allows for adults to gain new qualifications through online courses focused on three main topics: **English language** (beginner and intermediate level), **Entrepreneurship** and **ICT**.

Moreover, the project makes available for trainers and professionals the Methodological Manual titled *"Balance of Key Competences for Universal School Certification"*, downloadable from the website, which provides the methodological tools needed to identify formal and non-formal competences and skills at European level. These resources are available in **seven languages**.

In terms of the online courses, there are non-formal learning activities available, such as crosswords or quizzes, which can be combined with formal education methods; furthermore, the online courses give the opportunity to train remotely so people are not forced to leave their territory for training needs. At the end of each course, users will be able to download a certificate (valid at European level), providing a **certified evaluation** to those who are trying to re-enter the labour market, validating the competences they have acquired.

The resources of the project have been tested in six European Countries in order to guarantee their quality; EATI is the result of the international collaboration between organisations located in different European Countries: *Escola profissional Epralima* (Portugal), *VITECO* (Italy), *e-Seniors Association* (France), *Learning for Integration* (Finland), *Fundacja Aktywni XXI* (Poland), *Centro Integrado Público de Formación Profesional Misericordia* (Spain).

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