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Lifelong Learning in Bulgaria

LLL and LLL Days Initiative in Bulgaria

Lifelong Learning has been a rarely used term in the beginning of the years 2000. It was DVV International which initially started spreading the information about Lifelong Learning consistently in Bulgaria through the annual Lifelong Learning days. Organized as open forums for government representatives, NGOs, companies and consultancies in the education sector the Lifelong Learning Days had a big contribution in spreading the term to professionals and citizens. The first LLL Days have been organized in 2001 and had a subsequent of 7 years focused attention to the topic of LLL.

Bulgarian authorities

Bulgarian authorities have elaborated several policy documents and strategies for the period 2007-2013. These include the Continuing Vocational Training Strategy (2005-2010), the Employment Strategy (2008-2015), and the Operational Programme “Human resources development” (2007-2013) etc. All of these have contributed to the elaboration of the National Lifelong Learning Strategy (2008-2013) adopted in October 2008.

LLL in Bulgaria refers to the formal, non-formal and informal learning options provided at universities, qualification centers and educational organizations.

LLL Program of the EC

The LLL program of the EC is coordinated in Bulgaria through the Human Resources Development Center. The program allows the participation of Bulgarian organizations and citizens in European projects of school education, high education, professional education and adult education and contributed to the international exchange of ideas and knowledge.

Some statistics

A national survey on LLL has been carried in 2003 and in 2007. The results of both surveys prove the growing importance of LLL in Bulgaria. The comparison shows a raise of over 30% in the participation of some form of LLL for the period 2003 - 2007. In 2003 only 16% of the population aged 25 - 64 was involved in formal or non-formal learning; in 2007 - 48, 6% of the population has participated in LLL programs.

Operational Program “Human resources development”

From 2010 professional qualifications and key competencies for adult learners can be developed through a so called “voucher system” at the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. The Employment Agency is implementing 3 projects: Development, Adaptability and I can which aim at easing the process for citizens to get access to learning

opportunities through the funds of Human Resources Development program. 109 000 adult learners are envisioned to benefit from the 3 programs.

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