

#### EPALE

Electronic Platform for Adult Learning

in Europe

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# Adult learning – the European context





#### A very diversified sector

- Life-long
- Heterogeneous target group with different needs
  - Various providers
  - Different staff profiles
  - Diverse learning settings
  - Many systems and diverse governance



#### Many challenges...

- Funding
- Engaging adult learners
- Overlap with other sectors
  - Achieving quality
  - Lack of visibility



#### At European level ...

- Differences between countries
- Limited European cooperation in this field
  - No European space to share expertise



#### Why EPALE?





EPALE is designed to
become a reference on adult
learning in Europe,
and should become
essential to any
professional in the field.



#### Contribute to European policies and objectives

Increase quality of the sector

Increase participation in adult learning



#### **EPALE**

#### Target group





### <u>Professionals</u> involved in organising, funding or delivering adult education

Providers and their staff

National associations of AE

Universities / researchers

Media / journalists

Policy-makers

Local administrations



#### Working in various domains

Basic skills

2<sup>nd</sup> chance education

Guidance

C-VET

Social inclusion

Culture

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#### With many different learners

Low-skilled

Unemployed

**Employees** 

Migrants

(ex) prisoners

Seniors

People with disabilities

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=> ALL ADULTS



# What EPALE is NOT...





#### **EPALE** is not...

- eTwinning for adults
- Targeted at adult learners
- Just about LLP or Erasmus+ projects and beneficiaries
- Just about general adult education



## What's in EPALE?





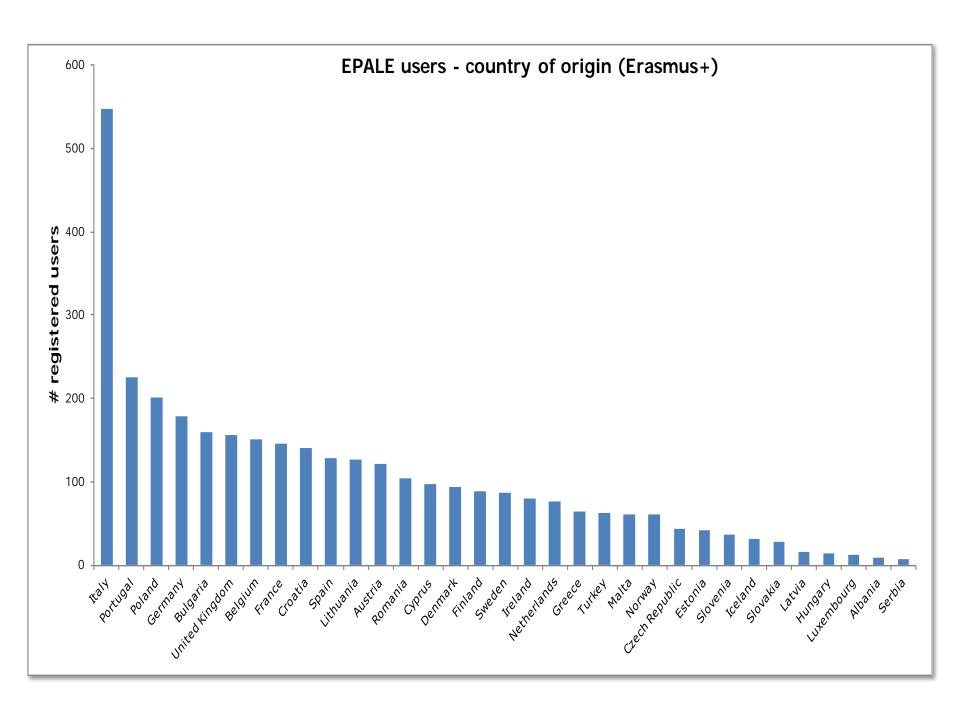
#### **People**













#### **Themes**

Learner support

Learning environments

Life skills

Quality

Policies, strategies and financing



#### Main characteristics

Collaborative

User driven

Multilingual



#### **Features**

Calendar of events and courses

E-Library

News

Social media

Blog

Partner search

Closed groups

Glossary



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