In June 2015 EAAL national coordinators were invited to the thematic event 'Upskilling Unemployed Adults', organised by DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion under the Mutual Learning Programme. The latter is an important tool of the Open Coordination Method with regard to European employment policy being part of the European Employment Strategy. Relevant professional grounds for the thematic event were key messages from the European Employment Policy Observatory (EEPO) document titled 'Review on Upskilling Unemployed Adults (25–64): The organisation, profiling and targeting of training provision'.

Slovenian representatives of the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, and the National Employment Service presented the Slovenian example of good practice. In the closing panel, the task of which it was to summarise recommendations to policy-makers – based on good practice examples as well as on group discussions – the author of this text took active part. The event was the first experience of national coordinators with DG Employment and it showed that our thinking and acting do not differ as much as we expected.