

Erasmus+ Program & Epale: a window of opportunities for Public Libraries, as Adult Education Providers

MAIN INFO

SALTO E&T link:	https://salto-et.net/events/show/BE01_0763_TSS_2024		
Sector:	AE	Priority:	Inclusion and Diversity (2021-27)
Scope:	Transnational		
Type of presence:	Face-to-Face	Venue country:	Belgium
Venue city:	Brussels	Working language:	English
Key Action:	Not applicable	TCA documents:	BE01_TCA_PublicLibraries_November2025.pdf
Postponed:	No	E+ Academy:	No
Start date:	25.11.2025	End date:	28.11.2025
Subtopic:	newcomers		

TCA DESCRIPTION

Themes and goals:	<p>“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.” Albert Einstein. Public libraries play an essential role in the adult education landscape and are places for formal, informal and non formal adult education. At EU level, the EU Work Plan for Culture 2023-2026 has provided for the creation of a group of Member States’ experts focusing on “Building Bridges: strengthen the multiple roles of libraries as gateways to and transmitters of cultural works, skills and European values”. This group has received a mandate to explore different dimensions and areas in which public libraries can play a societal role: the cultural and social dimension of libraries as a community hub or third place; democracy building, citizen engagement in libraries, and fighting disinformation; sustainable development (education and learning, inclusion, participation, resilience of community and environmental issues); digital, media, green and other forms of literacies; promoting literacy and reading including promoting literature from other countries. To meet these challenges, Epale and Erasmus+ projects for libraries offer a clear added value for public libraries. Indeed, Erasmus+ and Epale can help in improving the knowledge of the staff, acquiring new experience abroad, testing new materials, developing cooperation with European partners, which are essential factors for developing libraries in a wide range of directions.</p>
Expected results:	<p>Participants at this TCA will have the opportunity to: Network with participants from different European countries working in public libraries. Discuss common challenges that public libraries – as adult education providers - are facing nowadays. Discover Epale and Erasmus+ opportunities for public libraries: project types, added value of European cooperation, first steps for an Erasmus+ project / Epale publication. Work in small groups around future common</p>

Erasmus+ projects. Get inspired by good practices examples implemented by public libraries, in link with their role as adult education providers. Participate to a study visit to an innovative Belgian public library (B3, Resources and creativity centre). Listen to stakeholder's presentation on the role of public libraries in Belgium and Europe.

Additional information:

Please note that the TCA will focus on Public Libraries as Adult Education providers (formal, non formal, informal) and activities/strategies implemented in that regards. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss a wide range of topics: how can public libraries reach specific target groups, challenges of digitalization (including AI,...) in public libraries, what competences for the 21st century librarian, how to promote active participation and volunteer engagement, rethink / transform libraries into community places, public libraries as a place for well-being and mental health, public libraries to promote cultural heritage, contribution of libraries to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), developing a communication strategy for more visibility and collaborations, ... Participants wishing to share a good practice implemented in their library, a project or an approach they are proud of can bring material (poster, resource, presentation, ...). An informal and interactive moment is foreseen during the seminar for this inspiring exchange of practice session.

PARTNERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Organiser NA: BE01 - Agence francophone pour l'Education et la Formation tout au long de la vie

Number of participants: 75

Target group: **Other**

Erasmus+ Programme experience level: Newcomers and Experienced beneficiaries

Profile of participants: Any participant working in a public library or any stakeholder involved in a public library, interested in the role of public libraries as adult education providers, and willing to initiate Epale and/or Erasmus+ projects in his/her library.

Participants per country:

Sending partner(s) - Booked places:

PT01 - 2	PL01 - 4	LV01 - 3	EE01 - 5	TR01 - 4	BE02 - 5	BE03 - 2
AT01 - 2	LI01 - 1	NO01 - 2	NL01 - 4	FR01 - 9	IE01 - 2	RS01 - 2
CZ01 - 3	DE02 - 6	RO01 - 4	IT02 - 4	HU01 - 5	SI01 - 3	BE01 - -
LT01 - 3	DK01 - 2	SE01 - 1	SK01 - 4	ES01 - -	FI01 - -	

Pending Sending partner application(s) - Booked places:

-

Accepted Sending partner(s) - Accepted places:

PT01 - 2	PL01 - 2	LV01 - 2	EE01 - 2	TR01 - 2	BE02 - 3	BE03 - 2
AT01 - 2	LI01 - 1	NO01 - 2	NL01 - 2	FR01 - 9	IE01 - 2	RS01 - 2
CZ01 - 4	DE02 - 4	RO01 - 2	IT02 - 3	HU01 - 3	SI01 - 4	BE01 - 15

LT01 - 4 **DK01 - 2** **SE01 - 1** **SK01 - 2** **ES01 - 2** **FI01 - 2****Pending booked places:** 0**Accepted places:** 83

TCA PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

Start date of TCA Participant Application: 28.05.2025**Application deadline:** 04.07.2025**Confirmation deadline for Sending NAs:** 11.07.2025**Confirmation deadline for Organiser NAs:** 14.07.2025

i SALTO cannot be held responsible for information uploaded by the Organiser National Agencies regarding training and cooperation activities (TCAs). Please inform SALTO, whenever you should come upon incorrect data. Always contact the Organiser/Co-organisers of the TCAs themselves for the latest information.