

BRIDGING BARRIERS:

COMPETENCE DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINERS IN ADULT BASIC EDUCATION



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- SLOVAKIA
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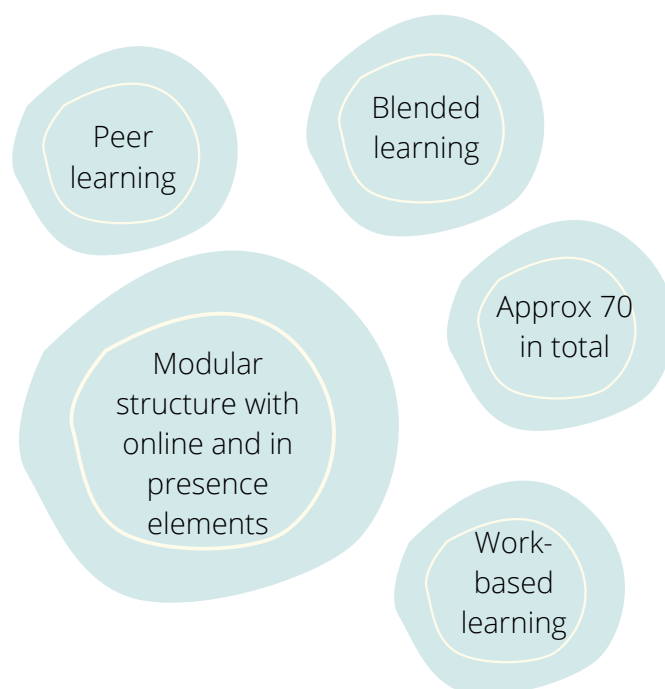
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The Bridging Barriers project, which began in September 2019, is nearing its conclusion. It was originally planned to last two years, but the pandemic has messed things up and extended the timeframe. Fortunately, we were granted a 6-month extension that allowed us to complete the activities planned in the proposal. The last months of the project have been full of events, starting last spring with the realisation of the pilot courses in the 4 partner countries, followed by the International Workshop on 7 and 8 October 2021 and the International Conference held on Wednesday 16 February 2022. One aspect that all these activities, meetings and events have had in common is the fact that they have carried out online, in the most diverse platforms. While on the one hand the Covid 19 pandemic has resulted in the cancellation of many international trips, on the other hand it has encouraged to use some online tools that were previously used little or not at all. If it is undeniable that face-to-face meetings have a unique intensity and involvement, the possibility of saving money and reducing environmental impact by using online meetings is certainly a new and revolutionary aspect. Perhaps the key lies in finding a balance between the two alternatives.

PILOT COURSES

Between spring and autumn 2021, 4 pilot courses were implemented in the 4 partner countries. Starting from common goals, each partner then developed its own course according to the target group and the needs that emerged during the interviews conducted in the first phase of the project. In two pilot courses two facilitators were involved to support the organisers in the management and implementation of the planned activities.

BASIC STRUCTURE:



GOALS:

→ for participating educators to reflect their day-to-day professional practice in a structured way

→ to make participants' tacit knowledge regarding the support for students to overcome learning barriers visible and thereby available for deliberate use in daily work

→ to increase the scope of action and strengthen teachers' agency

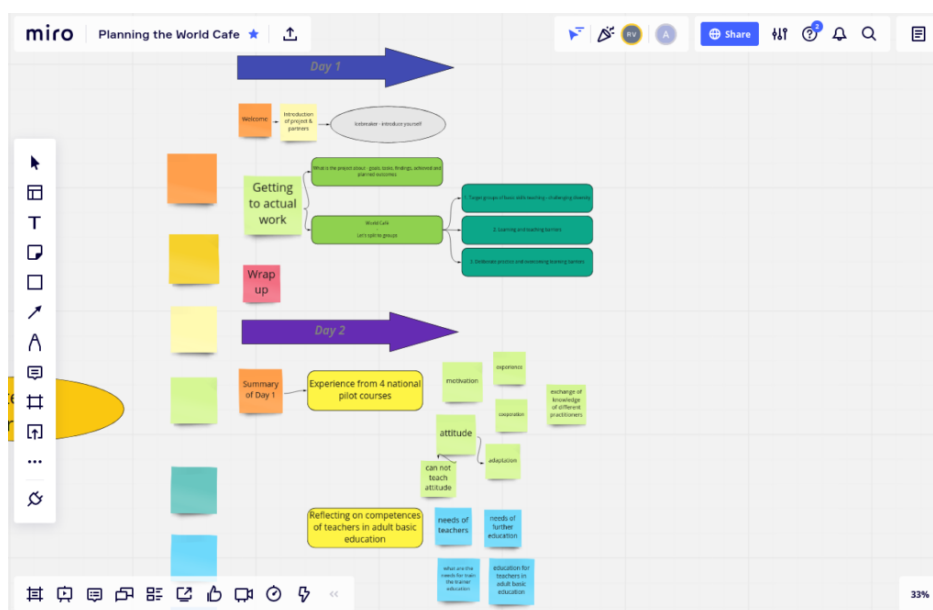
→ to gain insights in the competence development of adult educators and describe educators' competences based on their activities

→ to question educators' inner attitude in the teaching and learning process and its role in creating and dismantling learning barriers

Do you want to know more about our Pilot Courses? Click on this link:
<https://www.bridgingbarriers.eu/learning-platform/>

BRIDGING BARRIERS INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

On 7th and 8th October 2021 the partners of Bridging Barriers project successfully organised an International Workshop on adult basic learning. The was organised as a supplement of learning, teaching, training activity. It was originally planned as face to face event, however, under current situation the project partners took a decision to organise it as online event. The webinar attracted more than twenty participants from all the partner countries - Austria, Italy, Slovakia and Switzerland.

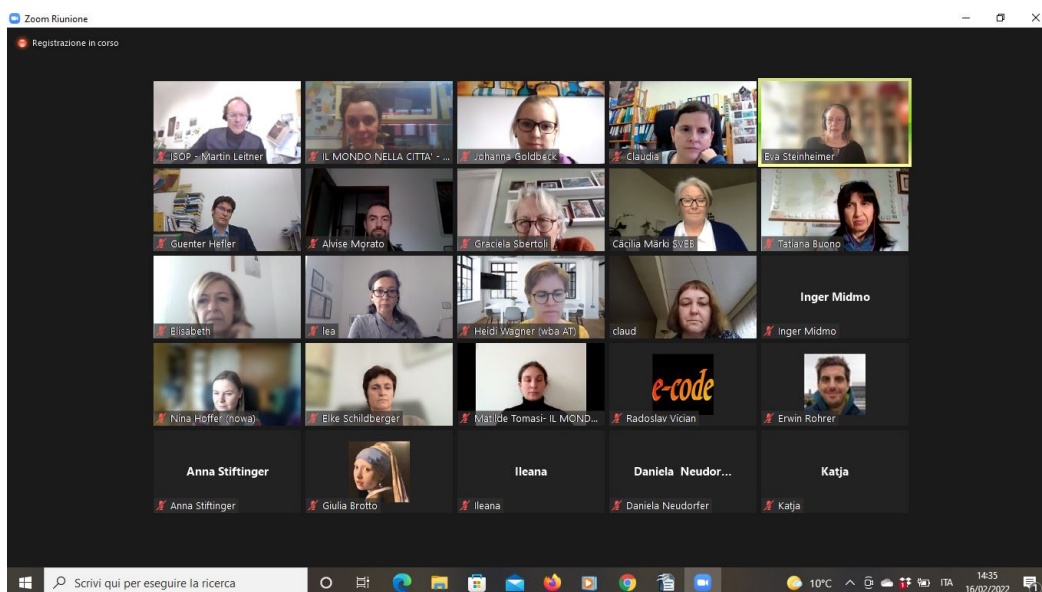


If you are interested in International Workshop materials and outputs, click on the link below:

<https://www.bridgingbarriers.eu/webinar-of-bridging-barriers-project/>

BRIDGING BARRIERS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

On Wednesday 16th February the International Online Conference took place, the last event of the Bridging Barriers project. The first part of the conference was dedicated to the presentations of two experts: Graciela Sbertoli (General Secretary, European Basic Skills Network) who talked about Basic Skills Training in the European policy context, and Günter Hefler (Senior researcher, 3s) who focused on the Bridging Barriers project in European context. In the second part the participants had the chance to listen to a panel discussion among facilitators and participants of the pilot courses focused on the lessons learnt from the Bridging Barriers experiment.



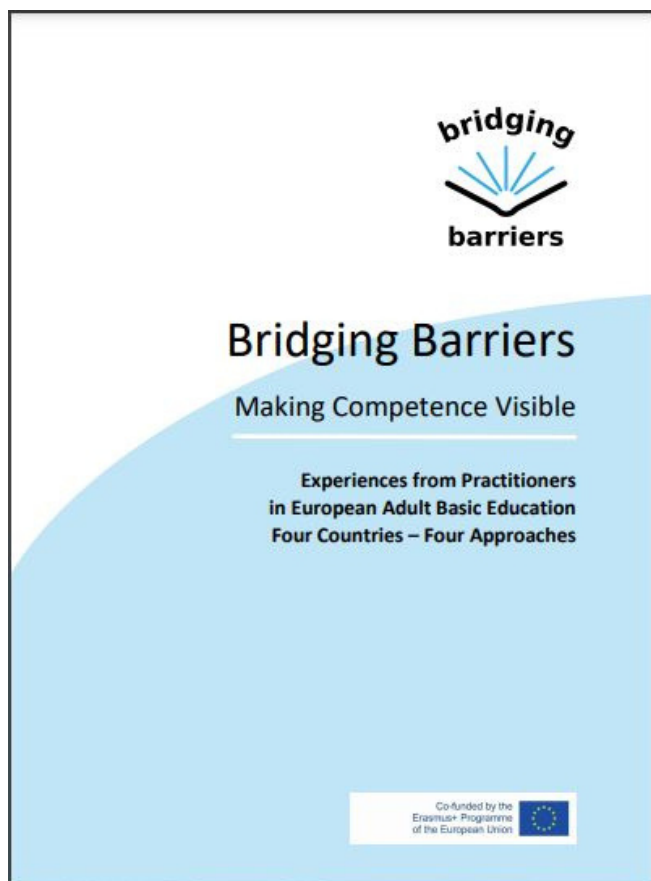
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Click on the link below:

<https://www.bridgingbarriers.eu/bridging-barriers-competence-development-of-adult-basic-education-teachers-in-a-european-context/>

HANDBOOK

After the Competence Matrix (IO1) and the Curriculum (IO2) , the third Intellectual Output of the project is the production of a Handbook that presents the methods developed in four national pilot courses (AT, IT, SK, CH), following a blended learning approach (e-learning on a learning platform and workshops). The handbook will support adult education organisations in reorganising the professionalisation and professional development of their pedagogues.



Soon it will be possible to download the Handbook in English, Italian, Slovak and German language from our website! Stay tuned!

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WEB SITE: WWW.ISOP.AT



ASSOCIAZIONE IL MONDO NELLA CITTÀ'

Il Mondo nella città is a non-profit association managing a reception center for refugees and asylum seekers by providing housing facilities, legal and social support and Italian language courses.

WEB SITE: WWW.ILMONDONELLACITTA.IT



E-CODE

e-code is a non-profit association based in Krupina, Slovakia active in the fields of adult and youth education.

WEB SITE: WWW.E-CODE.SK

SVEB - FSEA

SVEB is the Swiss national umbrella organisation for adult education and operates as a professional association and pressure group. It also manage the national training-of-trainers system and are responsible for eduQua, the national quality label for adult learning providers.

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