



Report I: Successes and challenges...

What surprised me in the research results?

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Lorenza Lupini & Luca Bordoni, COOSS, IT (00:00:06 – 00:00:30):

More than results themselves, the most surprising aspect of the research has been the enthusiasm of people interviewed in telling and sharing their experience in project management, that, I think, represents one more motivation for Civil Societies members to undertake this challenge.

Aron Weigl, EDUCULT, AT (00:00:31 – 00:00:59)

For many civil society organizations, the financing of international projects is one of the biggest challenges, but in the adult education sector it can be overcome by European funding programs. The widespread lack of knowledge about funding programs and application procedures was one of the biggest surprises of the report, which at the same time shows where to start in order to strengthen international cooperation in adult education!

Marianna Labbancz, FHSASB, HU (00:01:00 – 00:01:21)

Surprised me a lot of interesting data, illustrated in easily understandable diagrams. Among those is the most interesting information which makes me happy that most of the partners work in international cooperation in order “to learn from approaches in other countries”.

Hans Jørgen Vodsgaard, Interfolk, DK (00:01:22 – 00:02:04)

It was a key message in the first report that it is a huge challenge to get the time and resources make successful applications. It didn't surprise me, it is a fact; but was surprised me was that so few gave attention to another possibility, and an easier way to start to work internationally, namely to be a partner instead of a coordinator. Please remember that 4 out of 5 organisations that work internationally, do it as partners and not as coordinator and applicant. So that is a little tip.

Agnieszka Dadak, FAIE, PL (00:02:05 – 00:03:02)

I can mention 3 surprises in the research results:

The first is that the project managers do not usually use training; they usually learn the job from their more experienced peers. So it is worth to know that there is a training offer available offered by the EU programmes operators; you can use it. It is worth to use it.

The other little surprise was that not only in Poland, the project managers usually play multiply roles in their organisations. And this seems to be the specificity of the civil society organisations sector. We are just a multiskilled people.

And the third little surprise is that the educational background has no influence on the success as international projects manager. So do not get discouraged if you don't have a management background.

The full Report I you may read here: [“Successes and challenges. Report I on international project management in the civil society sector of adult education.”](#)

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