



# International cooperation. How to start it well?

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*valorising the key outcomes of  
the “First-time international projects realisers support network” project*

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# About the First-time international project realisers support network (1stTIPPM)



- 2-years long development project, supported by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union, realised by...
- ...the partnership circle of five organisations from five EU member states working in the area of lifelong learning, culture, social work and civil society development

The coordinator:

- Foundation of Alternative Educational Initiatives (PL)

The partners:

- COOSS - Cooperativa Sociale COOSS MARCHE ONLUS scpa (IT)
- Magyar Nepfoiskolai Tarsagag (HU) & Folkk High School Sourrounding Budapest (HU)
- EDUCULT - Denken und Handeln in Kultur und Bildung (AT)
- Interfolk - Institut for Civilsamfund (DK)





# About the First-time international project realisers support network (1stTIPPM)



**TIMEFRAME:** 01-10-2018; end: 30-09-2020 (24 months) >> 27 months....

**AIM:** To support increasing innovativeness of the adult education organisations, in terms of education methodology, outreach to adult learners and managing adult education organisations, through supporting them at undertaking new ways and areas of activities.

**ADDRESSEES:** The direct target group includes the members, workers, co-workers, educators and volunteers of the Third Sector adult education organisations (i.e. Civil Society Organisations, including informal groups, Non—governmental organisations and other non-profit organisations).

## **RESULTS:**

The material results: 2 research reports, 1 internet portal, 1 mentoring system, 2 training courses curricula, 1 network + 2 transnational training events, 5 multiplier events.

The immaterial ('soft') results expected: Increase of knowledge, skills & awareness in the field of international cooperation initiation and building. Increased level of motivation to initiate and realise international cooperation.

The indirect, long-term result is expected to be improved and more innovative educational offer to the adult learners & more effective outreach of the adult learners, thanks to changes introduced through and inspired by international cooperation of the adult education providers.



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# First-time international project realisers support network - the phases of work



- 1st PHASE: DEFINE BASELINE (9 months)

- 1) Completing national surveys and publish Survey Summary Report I about successes and challenges for international cooperation, six languages PDF-edition.
- 2) Completing national surveys and publish Survey Summary Report II on key competence and needs for support to international project management, six languages PDF-edition.

- 2nd PHASE: DEVELOPING & TESTING (9 months)

- 3) Designing, launching and updating Support Portal for the first time international projects realisers.
- 4) Developing Mentoring and E-mentoring system for the first-time international project realisers.
- 5) Developing Training Course Curricula and Open Educational resources for the first-time international project realisers.
- 6) Two transnational pilot courses.

- 3RD PHASE: SUPPORT, VALORISATION AND DISSEMINATION (6 months)

- 6) Establishing and developing International Support Network
- 7) Four national multiplier events in Ancona (IT), Budapest (HU), Vienna (AT), and Copenhagen (DK).
- 8) One European conference in Krakow (PL)

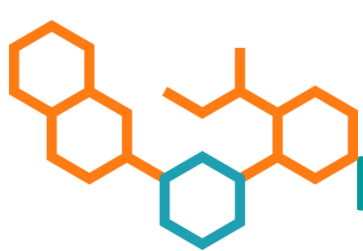




# First-time international project realisers support network – results



1. "Successes and challenges. Report I on international project management in the civil society sector of adult education".
2. "Key competences and needs for support. Report II on international project management in the civil society sector of adult education."
3. The FIRST Network Portal. The webpage dedicated to first-time international project realisers: <https://www.first-network.eu/index.php/en/project>
4. "Guidelines and scenario for implementation mentoring and e-mentoring systems supporting international cooperation initiation and developing in the 3rd sector adult learning organisations".
5. The Manual for national trainings & The Manual for European trainings of the first-time project managers and organization leaders involved in international cooperation.
6. First International Realisation Support Team Network (FIRST Network).



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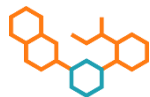
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## FIRST NETWORK. International projects management.

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### Purpose of group

The aim of the group is to support the first-time international projects realisers, especially those active in civil society organisations in Europe. The support is offered, first of all, in a form of the first-network.eu portal and its' resources. There are also training courses and mentoring offers planned. Joining the group you may also discuss the challenges related to initiating and running international cooperation, upgrading the international projects managers' competences and the support needed by the project managers, expected from the CSOs they are working for.

### Target audience

Adult learning providers

### Theme addressed

Learning Environments



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# Before 1stTIPPM

*How to plan, develop and realise international projects?*

“We know what we want. Driving license for international projects for the Silesian NGOs”

Local, June – December 2012



“We know what we want. An academy of international projects realisers Poland-South ”

Regional, May – December 2013



“We know what we want. International project realisers network”

All – Polish, May – December 2016

# Before 1stTIPPM



“We know what we want...

- ✓ 10 Polish cities, 9 voivodeships
- ✓ 184 hours of workshops
- ✓ 370 hours of advisory sessions
- ✓ 86 NGOs, 154 persons
- ✓ 37 developed international projects
- ✓ Internet portal supporting international, partnership cooperation

*Projects supported in the frame of the Polish Governmental Program Civic Initiatives Fund 2009 – 2013  
and 2014 - 2020*



## Long term strategy



### **“First-time international project realisers support network”**

Erasmus+ KA2, October 2018 – September 2020:

Successes and challenges - Key competences of international project managers in the adult education civil society organisations  
> FIRST Network Portal > Mentoring and e-mentoring system > Training course curricula and open educational resources >  
Established and working FIRST Network...



### **“Recommendations for international project managers competences recognition and validation for lifelong learning”**

Erasmus+, KA2, December 2019 – December 2021:

Final recommendations for recognition and validation of knowledge, skills and competences of international project managers in adult learning sector CSOs.



“.....**XXX**.....”

Developed new competence recognition and validation system for the international project management competences in the adult learning CSOs.



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Feel free to ask any questions!



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Thank you for your attention!



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