

Press release

QUALITY MEASUREMENT SYSTEM FOR SECOND CHANCE EDUCATION AND PROVIDERS OF NON-FORMAL AND INFORMAL LEARNING TO BE CREATED WITHIN EU FUNDED PROJECT.

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The “SMART” project has been launched under the Erasmus + Programme, Key Action 2, Strategic Partnership with a duration of 24 months – from September 2014 to July 2016. The project involves 7 partners from Denmark, Ireland, Sweden, Belgium, Italy and The Netherland, representing University, Second chance schools, regional authorities and civil society organisations.

In 2012 DGEAC commissioned research into good practices in second chance education and its success factors with a view to identifying transferability to initial education and training. The theoretical base of the study was to examine whether compensatory measures could provide a source of evidence for prevention and possibly intervention measures also. The study found that there was "strong potential" for initial education and training to learn lessons from second chance provision but that there are gaps in qualitative and quantitative measures of success to evidence the longer term effectiveness of provision designed to reduce ESL.

The *SMART* project aims to develop a quality framework, for use by providers of non-formal and informal learning, that will enable providers to evidence their success factors, enhancing the quality and relevance of learning offers in education, training & youth work. Improving the capacity of organisations to deliver high quality second chance education will contribute to preventing drop-out and promote participation of disadvantaged groups in society.

Main Results:

- Literature Review Report
- Needs Analysis report
- Handbook for Policy Makers
- Systematic Measurement System E-platform
- Handbook for the teachers
- Guidelines for Organisations: Implementing SMS in Second Chance Education

On **10-12 December 2014** a Kick-off meeting for SMART project took place in Copenhagen that brought together all the partners. This meeting was the first occasion for partners to meet

and to discuss their future work and roles within the project, the upcoming year of activities, challenges and interventions in the field of the second chance education. As part of the meeting on **12 December**, the first Multiplier event took place with participation of stakeholders and partners in the field of second chance education (schools, counsellors, authorities) from Denmark and Sweden who had a chance to learn about the project and its objectives and the benefits of it for the second chance schools.

Partners:

- **Coordinator:** Copenhagen Youth School (Denmark)
- EURICON (Netherlands)
- Art 27 (Belgium)
- Bräckegymnasiet Lindholmen (Sweden)
- CESIE (Italy)
- Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (Ireland)
- Aalborg University (Denmark)

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