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WELCOME TO HE4u2

Welcome to **HE4u2**, a new EU-funded project coordinated by eucen! The project started in January 2016 and will last three years. *Higher Education for you too* summarises the main aim of this project: **integrating cultural diversity into higher education to make HE more accessible friendly to everyone.**

HE4u2 will contribute to the reform of teaching and learning, making HEIs more diversified, responsive and competitive. Teachers of adults in HE are the main target group of this project, since they often provide access for disadvantaged groups, are student-centred, and have specialised support.

The project starts from the awareness of the need for reforming the delivery of teaching and support for **migrant learners**, integrating an intercultural dimension for all learners. It will develop guidelines for HE teachers and other support staff across the system and

elaborate a CPD course for HE staff. Its innovative approach of integrating inclusive pedagogy into existing curricula will mediate obstacles for learners from migrant backgrounds and value their contribution to the intercultural dimension for all learners.

This work will also allow the project to produce a policy paper and set of recommendations to impact on the national and European policy agenda.



PLANNED ACTIVITIES

This is a summary of the activities planned for the three-year project:

- Produce a **meta-analysis of best practices** from relevant research and tools across Europe and survey current learners from diverse backgrounds to obtain their views
- Design, test and finalise innovative pedagogy in **21 different curricula** and elaborate **guidelines** for developing such curricula
- Design, test and finalise **CPD courses** incorporating ECTS, for HE teachers, adaptable to other settings
- Produce a **policy paper** with recommendations for HEIs and national and European policy makers

Partners will work with policy actors at national level throughout the project, while **euцен** will take care of this at European level, working with policy makers and key stakeholders.



PROJECT WEBSITE

HE4u2 has a very modern and user-friendly **website**, which you are invited to visit! This will be the place where all the main information on the project activities and outcomes will be posted and collected, giving you the possibility to download valuable resources and keep following the project progress.

Do you have any news that could be of interest for the **HE4u2** community?

Please send the posts to the project and we will upload the information in the website! Contact us at he4u2@euцен.eu

RESOURCES: LITERATURE AND BEST PRACTICES

The project has already accomplished its first task: collecting a whole set of relevant **literature resources** and **good practices** in the field of inclusive pedagogy, in different languages and from different countries, and a transversal analysis of all these resources.

The material collected is available on the project website. You can browse the **literature resources** by topic area (12 main topic areas have been identified) and the **good practices** by selecting the country from where you would like to see the good practices collected.

PROJECT MEETINGS

The first project partners meeting took place in **Barcelona, 25-26 January 2016**. This event gave partners the opportunity to make the consortium work transnationally, as a team, for the first time, allowing partners to decide on key issues of the project.

The group will meet again face-to-face in **Porto, 28-29 November**, for the second planned transnational meeting. Partners will share their national experience using the modified curricula and discuss the criteria for the Guidelines for HE staff that will be prepared afterwards.

The consortium will also have the chance to discuss the parameters for the national face-to-face workshops that will follow.



PARTNERSHIP

The **European university continuing education network (eucen)** is the coordinator of **HE4u2**, bringing into the project its long experience in coordinating European projects and its established links with other transnational organisations and networks such as the LLL Platform, EAN, EUA, ESU, etc. The partners are **higher education institutions** that have all been developing relevant actions and policies aimed to widen participation, foster social inclusion and provide support for disadvantaged groups of learners.

HE4u2 partners:

- **eucen** (BE)
- Université Catholique de Louvain (BE)
- National University of Ireland Maynooth (IE)
- Turun Yliopisto (FI)
- Universidade do Porto (PT)
- Universität Wien (AT)
- Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz (DE)

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If you are interested in our project and you would like to keep informed or get involved in our activities, we invite you to contact us at this email address: HE4u2@eucen.eu If you really want to be active in this project as Associate Partner, please also let us know and we will contact you to fix the details.