



MULTIPLIER EVENT

“A Strategy for active participation of Adults in Education and Peer Review as a methodology *to feel at ease* with Quality Assurance”

5 December 2016

8,30 – 13,30

Sala del Consiglio Provinciale – Piazza Italia, 11 - Perugia

The adult participation rate in learning activities, including non-formal and informal training, is extremely low, and as a result many adults **have low literacy and numeracy skills in their everyday life**. In addition to this, the adult learning sector is quite variegated, both in terms of subjects that offer learning opportunities and methods of fruition (seminars, guided tours, self-learning, Internet browsing, etc.). **Thus the quality itself becomes a critical factor** in order to attract and encourage learners and to ensure adequate levels of learning.

In this regard, the European Commission launched the *Skills Guarantee*, an initiative aimed to improve the level of basic and digital skills of low-qualified adults (15-64 years), up to allow them to acquire a level of education at least equivalent to upper secondary education.

Within the project **PRALINE – Peer Review in Adult Learning to Improve formal and Non-formal Education**, have been defined both, a "**Strategy for the adults active involvement**" (*Warming-up Strategy*) and a methodology for the evaluation of the quality of providers that offer adult learning opportunities: the **European Peer Review**. This methodology is based on both, self-assessment and external evaluation, thanks to the involvement of professionals trained to act as of Peers.

Following the work for adaptation of the methodology to the adult learning sector, the project led to a piloting in 5 European countries - Italy, Malta, France, Lithuania and Portugal. The piloting, saw the active participation of various Adult and VET providers - different by type of organization, mission and experience, with the aim to test and validate the methodology in the most complete way possible.

OBJECTIVES

- To inform adult education providers on the "Warming-up Strategy" and to involve them in its direct implementation at local level, in order to increase the involvement of adults in training and lifelong learning opportunities;
- to disseminate PRALINE's intellectual outputs, in order to raise awareness on the issue of the possible beneficiaries and on further developments, with a view to improving the quality of adult education services and the level of acquired skills
- Validation of the developed tools by the local relevant stakeholders and field experts.

EVENT STRUCTURE

The event will start with a presentation by the National Quality Assurance Reference Point on the policies and initiatives in Italy and Europe aimed at the promotion of the quality in education. Following, Regione Umbria and FORMA.Azione srl will provide an introduction to the outputs delivering by PRALINE project, specifically the *Warming-Up Strategy* (i.e. the activation Strategy for the promotion of adult education) and the **Methodology of the European Peer Review**, consisting of a Manual and a set of tools for its implementation (Tool-box).

Afterwards, participants will be organised in **Working Groups** to collect contributions from the professionals on the developed outputs, for further validating their efficacy and usefulness in the relevant operational contexts, in order to encourage greater participation of adults to quality learning opportunities. Thus, participants will be involved in the analysis of the criteria and indicators proposed by the Quality Areas for the field of adult education, as well as in a confrontation with professionals and colleagues on some critical points emerged from the **assessment of the piloting in terms of tools provided by methodology**. It is thought that the working groups, composed of participants with heterogeneous type of competencies, would produce important suggestions and recommendations for the improvement of the outputs developed by the project as well as indications about effective methodologies for their dissemination and **mainstreaming** at regional and national level.

Event Target audience

Providers from formal, non-formal and informal adult education sector; training/education Quality Experts, public and private Managers responsible for adult education (school Directors, Managers, Training Directors and Human Resources), Representatives of the Social Partners; Peers who took part in the piloting held in Umbria; Representatives of the organizations that hosted a Peer Review in the contest of PRALINE project; Regional Education Office with competencies on Adult Education.

PROGRAMME

8,30 Registration of participants

9,00 Welcome speech by Fabio Paparelli - Councillor of the Region of Umbria for the Vocational Training and Active Work Policies

9,15 Sabrina Paolini - Programming services, orientation, monitoring, ESF monitoring and system innovation

Regional schemes for quality insurance in Vocational Education and Training for Adults

9,30 Ismene Tramontano – Coordinator of the National Reference Point for Quality Assurance

National Plan for Quality Assurance in Education and Training and European network EQAVET

10,00 Chiara Palazzetti – PRALINE Project Manager– Associazione FORMA.Azione srl

Make attractive vocational training and lifelong learning: the activation *Strategy for the promotion of adult education (Intellectual Output 1 of PRALINE project)*

10,15 Sylvia Liuti – Responsabile European Projects - Associazione FORMA.Azione srl,

Antonietta Petetti - Programming Service, orientation, monitoring, ESF and innovation system - Section Planning and implementation of measures regarding vocational guidance, training experimentation and direct regional planning

Feel at ease with the Quality Assurance: Presentation of the European Peer Review and the Manual (Intellectual Output 3 of PRALINE project)

Safeguard a Quality education and training offer for adults: Focus on Quality Areas and Tool-box used in the Peer Review methodology (Intellectual Output 2 of PRALINE project)

10,45 – 12,30 Working Groups

Working group on the Validation of the *activation Strategy for the promotion of adult education* and the development of an Action Plan to be implemented at the local level, in order to involve adults and motivate them to learn.

Working group on the Validation of the *Manual for the European Peer Review in the field of adult education*: what works, what is missing, what should be changed.

Working group on the Validation of the *European Peer Review Tool-box in the field of adult education*: what works, what is missing, what should be changed.

Working group on the Validation of the Quality Areas (from 1 to 5) identified for the implementation of the *European Peer Review in the field of adult education*: what works, what is missing, what should be changed.

Working group on the Validation of the Quality Areas (from 6 to 11) identified for the implementation of the *European Peer Review in the field of adult education*: what works, what is missing, what should be changed.

12,30 – 13,30 Presentation of the working groups and discussion in Plenary