



## INVITATION BY

the Flemish NA, EPOS, & the Landcommanderij Alden Biesen

for the ERASMUS+/GRUNDTVIG KA2 - strategic partnerships

### CONTACT SEMINAR on Active Citizenship

for organisations in formal and non-formal adult education

27-30 November 2019, Alden Biesen, BELGIUM

**Theme:** “Active Citizenship in Adult Education”.

The theme is very closely linked to the development of **intercultural** competences and people’s participation in democratic life, their social and civic engagement through formal and non formal learning activities. The focus is on raising awareness on and understanding the common **European values**; the principles of unity and diversity.

**Goal** of the contact seminar:

- To raise the number of high quality projects (esp ERASMUS+/Key action 2), sharing the best practices, discussing ideas for new projects, preparing drafts of new Erasmus+ Adult Education projects about the theme of the contact seminar.
- During the contact seminar also projects in KA1 (Learning Mobility for staff in Adult Education) can be developed.

### **TARGET GROUP and PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANTS**

We welcome all organisations working on the improvement of adult learners’ active citizenship competences in a formal or non formal adult education sector.

The participants should be able to engage their organisation in an Erasmus+/KA2 partnership. In order to participate actively in this contact seminar they should be fluent in English, the working language of the seminar.

## **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

### **Wednesday 27 November**

- 16.00 - arrival, car shuttle Bilzen - Alden Biesen
- 18.00: drink, welcome and introduction to the seminar
- 19.30 : dinner
- 20.45 : informal meeting, bar

### **Thursday 28 November**

- 08.00: breakfast
- 09.00: "making the most of your contact seminar": Overview of the programme
- 09.30 : information on the Erasmus+ /Adult Education Programme
- 10.30 : coffee break
- 11.00 : Presentations on the topic of the seminar
- 12.30 : lunch
- 13.50 : group picture
- 14.00 : visit of Alden-Biesen
- 15.15 : carrousel workshop: brainstorming
- 17.00 : coffee break
- 17.30 : preparing the stands for the fair
- 19.00 : "project fair": exchanging information on one's organisation, project plans and region.  
European walking dinner (including typical snacks brought by the participants)

### **Friday 29 November**

- 08.00 : breakfast
- 09.00 : overview of ideas and partnerships
- 09.20 : creating your own project, workshop session + coffee
- 12.15 : lunch
- 12.30 : creating your own project, workshop session
- 15.30: how to fill out the application forms
- 16.30 : coffee break

- 17.00 : plenary: overview of ideas and partnership & & useful tools  
20.00 : Farewell dinner and social activity

### **Saturday 30 November**

- 08.00 : breakfast  
09.00 : creating your own project, workshop session  
10.30 : coffee break  
11.00 : presentation of projects  
12.15 : lunch  
13.00 : transfer by bus to Brussels airport (arrival at 14.15)

### **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

**Conference documents:** Before the conference participants will receive material on the theme and the profiles of the participating organisations. Participants are also requested to bring information on their region and organisation (to be displayed at stands) and information on their national adult education system.

**Venue:** Landcommanderij ALDEN BIESEN, Kasteelstraat 6, B 3740 Bilzen, Belgium - Web page: <http://www.Alden-Biesen.be>

Alden Biesen is a castle, built by the Teutonic Knights and is situated in the eastern part of Flanders (Belgium), near the Dutch border: 100 km. east of Brussels, 12 km. west of Maastricht. The nearest railway station is Bilzen (at 6 km.). Nowadays it is a state cultural centre, owned by the Flemish Government. The seminar takes place in Alden Biesen. Participants will be hosted in the castle or in the hotel next door.

**Travel arrangements:** From Brussels Airport you can reach Alden Biesen by train. At the airport you can buy a ticket to Bilzen (via Leuven - change in Leuven station - and Hasselt). People arriving in Brussels South station by Eurostar or Thalys can take the train to Hasselt in Brussels South. People arriving by train from the east (via Köln and Aachen) take the train to Liège. In Liège they take the connection to Bilzen / Hasselt and get off the train in Bilzen. All participants arriving in Bilzen station will be picked up by car (car shuttle at train arrival times). Alden Biesen is close to the motorway as well (E 313 ANTWERPEN - LIEGE : exit 31) . We expect you to arrive in Bilzen on Wednesday between 16.00 and 18.00.

The seminar will end on Saturday noon. We will arrange a bus back to Brussels Airport at 13.30.

**Preparations for the seminar, please bring with you:**

Information on your region and organisation (photographs, brochures, posters). Tables and panels will be available to create your own stand at the fair.

Be prepared to explain the role of your organisation in the topic of the seminar (in small groups).

Read the ERASMUS+ Programme Guide, especially the sections on Key Action 2: Strategic Partnerships and Key Action 1: Learning Mobility for staff in Adult Education.

Arrange a meeting with your principal/head and some colleagues before you come to the seminar. Make sure you are informed about needs, possibilities and plans for international project work on Active Citizenship in your organisation.

**Language:** The working language of the seminar is English. There will be no translation during the presentations.

**Costs:** No fee – Travel costs: to be covered by the sending NA.

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