

*Welcome to the 2015 edition of the EBSN's annual conference. Following the success of last year's event in Budapest, our annual meeting will focus on discussion, exchange of experience, and collaborative knowledge production. This year we are taking a further step in this direction by changing the name of the event: from conference to collaborative workshop.*

So...

### **Be very welcome to the EBSN's Collaborative Workshop 2015!**

One of the aspects that make the European Basic Skills Network, EBSN, a unique frame of cooperation in Europe is that we gather both policy makers at national and regional level and policy providers from the fields of research, advocacy, and teacher training. We want to contribute to progress both in policy making and in effective, efficient and qualitatively adequate policy implementation for this very important sector of Adult Learning which is the provision of basic skills training.

Under this year's main theme

### ***“Strategies that work: governance, financing and implementation in the provision of basic skills for adults”***

We will gather in The Hague to

- present the “Lessons Learnt” in different countries regarding efficient strategies and policies,
- discuss how we can develop “whole-of-government” approaches which can ensure adequate and efficient provision,
- establish synergies that will allow us to adapt good practice from other countries to our own,
- suggest possible recommendations for a Conference Document which will be presented to stakeholders all over Europe.



### **Who is our target group?**

We aim at gathering European policy makers, policy implementers at national and regional level, researchers, teacher trainers, social partners, and representatives from umbrella organizations in the sector of basic skills for adults.

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## Program

**Wednesday, June 3rd**

10.00 – 12.00	<b>General Assembly</b>	
12.30 – 13.30	Registration and lunch buffet	
13.30 – 14.15	Opening	<i>Caroline Liberton and Hans Hindriks representing the Dutch Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, and Graciela Sbertoli, Chair of EBSN</i>
14.15 – 14.45	<b>Cohesive European Policy in Adult Learning: an overview</b>	<i>David Mallows, NRDC, UK</i>
14.45 – 16.00	Moderated discussion in groups, based on pre-prepared questions	
16.00 – 16.30	Summing up in plenary session	<i>Chair: David Mallows, NRDC, UK</i>
16.30 – 17.00	<b>Towards European Synergies in the field of Basic Skills: presentation of current EBSN activities</b>	<i>Maria Toia, IREA, Romania</i>
19.00 -	<b>Meeting of EC and Secretariat</b>	

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**Thursday, June 4th**

09.00 – 09.45	<b>Effective policies and strategies for adult education in the light of PIAAC</b>	<i>Marieke Buisman, co-researcher PIAAC in the Netherlands</i>
09.45 – 10.15	<b>Challenges to policy cohesion</b>	<i>Joyce Black, NIACE, UK</i>
10.45 – 12.00	Moderated discussion in groups, based on pre-prepared questions	
12.00 – 12.30	Summing up in plenary	<i>Chair: Graciela Sbertoli, Vox, Norway</i>
12.30 – 13.00	<b>Financing cohesive policies: challenges and possibilities</b>	<i>Bernhard Grämiger, SVEB, Switzerland</i>
13.00 – 15.00	Buffet lunch and <b>Market Place/Poster presentations in parallel sessions</b> <i>Carrousel approach Part 1</i>	
15.00 – 15.30	<b>Cohesion in regional policies for basic skills training: the Andalusian approach</b>	<i>Francisco Castillo, Junta de Andalucía, Spain</i>
15.30 – 16.15	Discussion in groups	
16.15 – 16.45	Summing up in plenary	<i>Chair: Joyce Black, NIACE, UK</i>
18.00	Guided visit to the historical center the Dutch government and Panorama Mesdag.	
19.30	Festive dinner	

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**Friday, June 5th**

09.30 – 09.50	<b>The role of local municipalities and labor market regions in adult education.</b>	<i>Merel Louter and Damayanti Gunawan, municipality of Amsterdam</i>
09.50 – 10.10	<b>Professionals and non-professionals in adult education.</b>	<i>Wim Matthijssse, Reading and Writing Foundation</i>
10.10 – 10.30	<b>Online learning in adult education / Innovative instruments: new and innovative instruments for signposting and assessment for language and numeracy</b>	<i>Anne-Lies Schrijvers van de Peppel, Expertisecenter ETV.nl Foundation and Brit Hopman, National Library of the Netherlands.</i>
10.30 – 11.10	<b>Roundtable discussion</b> Moderated by David Mallows, NRDC, England	<i>Martina Ní Cheallaigh, European Commission and the representatives from the Reading and Writing Foundation and CINOP</i>
11.10 – 11.30	Coffee break	
11.30 – 11.50	<b>Interactive space</b>	
11.50 – 12.50	<b>Market Place/Poster presentations in parallel sessions</b> <i>Carrousel approach Part 2</i>	
12.50 – 14.30	Lunch	
14.30 – 15.00	<b>The way ahead.</b> Presentation of a preliminary Conference Declaration based on the results of discussions	<i>Graciela Sbertoli, Chair of EBSN</i>
15.00 – 15.30	Evaluation and closing of workshop	
15.30 – 16.30	Final meeting of EC	