

Promoting the Agenda for New Skills and Jobs: Strengthening individual learning pathways by developing skills assessment tools for workers

Since October 2011, SOLIDAR, DGB-Bildungswerk, SOLIDAR, Abetarnas Bildningsförbund (ABF), Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies (AIAS), and Fagligt Internationalt Center (FIC) are running a joint one-year to develop the individual skills assessment tool for workers.

THEMATIC LIAISON FORUM ON JOBS AND SKILLS

SOLIDAR was invited by the European Commission's DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion to present its project "Promoting the Agenda for New Skills and Jobs: Strengthening individual learning pathways by developing skills assessment tools for workers" on 21 May to social partners at the quarterly-organised Thematic Liaison Forum.

The main objective of this meeting was to take stock of EU policy developments in the field of skills forecasting and tackling skills mismatches and to discuss the involvement of social partners and relevant stakeholders in the process. SOLIDAR and its partners' endeavours in the field of strengthening individual learning pathways by developing skills assessment tools for workers were positively received by stakeholders present at the meeting.

SECTOR SKILLS ALLIANCES

During the CEMEA hosted Round Table on 21 March which featured Gautier Delannoy from the Municipality of Seclin (France) and Ana Feder from Eurocities as speakers, SOLIDAR members and partners from 18 EU member states explored best integration practices and agreed that successful integration and intercultural learning strategies have to go beyond diversity and cultural identities.

Integration is a political and societal project that defines how we all live together, how we construct and do things together and how we participate together. The rights of migrants and their vulnerability and social exclusion exacerbated by the financial crisis should be the central priorities. To that end the members agreed to work together for dialogue-to-change.

TRADE UNIONS VOICE NEED FOR RECOGNITION OF INFORMAL AND NON-FORMAL LEARNING

On 26-27 June, SOLIDAR participated in the European Trade Union Confederation conference on "Informal and Non-formal learning: parallel practices for a systemic integration". The conference built on the results of a research project conducted in 10 European countries on the recognition and validation of non-formal and informal learning in the view of the upcoming Council Recommendations on the promotion of Non-formal and Informal learning (NFIL) in 2012.

Representatives of Trade Unions and confederations, as well as other stakeholders, underlined the need for providing employees with opportunities to both acquire and have recognised the

knowledge, skills and competences developed on the work floor, especially in the sectors that are in danger in times of the transformation of the labour market and for people who drop out from school. The education and training policy has to be implemented firmly within the social chapter in order to re-launch growth and solve economic problems.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For the first week of September the pilot seminar where the developed individual skills assessment tool will be tested. The event has been planned in Hattingen, Germany where 15 members of the trade union will gather along with the Works' Council seminar.



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