

ERASMUS+ project
European
Open Badges
Platform

Background

European Open Badges Platform wants to assess, develop and promote the common EU platform for digital badges, targeted at adult education organizations, adult educators and adult learners that also represent the main target groups.

Open badge is a file of the shape of an icon or medal issued to prove skills or achievements of people. The file contains metadata: name of the issuer, the criteria it was issued under, evidence verifying the credential and expiry date. Open badges are available as open standard any organization can use to create, issue and verify digital badges.

Main advantage of open badges is their availability and representational opportunities. They present innovative tools for recognition of achieved soft skills to employers or educators, and could be included into EU-based Europass CV system.

Aims

Common EU open badges platform will allow

- adult education organizations to offer digital badges to local and EU-wide public,
- adult educators to gain new IT competence and innovative tool for recognition of soft skills and key competences and
- learners in adult education possibility to be awarded with badges on EU level and use them for future job seeking or further educational needs.

Target groups

The project satisfies the needs of adult education organizations and educators to dispose of a easy to use, digital, motivating tool for identifying and documenting results of not formal,







informal and formal learning. The project satisfies also the needs of adult learners to reflect on their skills acquired in not formal and informal learning, to have their skills documented and to share easily with peers and educators their accomplishments.

Objectives

- Project EU-OBP wants to upgrade results from 2 Erasmus+ projects (iYOT, <u>www.iyot.eu</u> and OBADE, <u>www.open-badges.eu</u>) with participation of previously included organizations and two new partners.
- Partners will research available projects, platforms or organizations to deliver the complete EUOBP web platform with » Reader«, "Toolbox", » Guidelines«, all available as open source.
- Partners want to promote open badges for recognition of "soft skills" and 8 key competences in EU area, and anticipate at least 500 open badges for adult education available on the platform until the end of project.

The project will provide the participating organizations, on the one hand, with a series of good practices and tailor-made tools and methodologies corresponding the current situation in EU area. On the other hand, they will also be provided with a series of documents (reader, toolkit and guidelines) that can facilitate the beginning of a transformation towards a promotion of open badges use and their importance for open education and transparency for future employers so to take into consideration also the social impact.

For more detailed information, please visit our webpage www.eu-obp.eu.

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Partnership

Applicant Organisation
P1: Fundatia EuroEd, Iasi (Romania)

Partners:

P2: <u>Technologiko Panepistimio Kyprou, Lemesos (Cyprus)</u>

P3: Folkuniversitetet Stiftelsen Vid Lunds Universitet, Lund (Sweden)

P4: Metodo Estudios Consultores SL, Vigo (Spain)

P5: Volkshochschule Im Landkreis Cham EV, Cham (Germany)

P6: Accion Laboral Plataforma para la Impl. de Programas de Inclusion Lab, Zaratan (Spain)

P7: Ljudska Univerza PTUJ, PTUJ (Slovenia)

P8: Lycee Charles et Adrien DUPUY, Le Puy En Velay (France)

