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LIFELONG LEARNING WEEK (LLW) IN SLOVENIA

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Background



Adult education in Slovenia:

- Adult Education Act (1996)
- National Plan of AE (2004)
- Annual AE Programme (2005 →)
- Strategy on Lifelong Learning (2006)

The Slovenian Institute for Adult Education (SIAE):

- Founded in 1992 as the umbrella institution for AE
- Three major fields of SIAE's work:
 - Research and development of AE
 - Education of adult educators and counselling
 - **Promotion (1996 →) and IC infrastructure**



LLW briefly



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- **The Slovenian Lifelong Learning Week (LLW) is a country-wide celebration of learning and a member of the international learning festivals' movement.**
- **The Slovenian Institute for Adult Education (SIAE) is the national coordinator of LLW; the overall LLW network consists of above 800 partners - providers of events, about 30 of them act as local/thematic coordinators.**
- **Annually, around 4-5,000 educational, promotional, information and counselling as well as social and cultural events are carried out.**



LLW's role



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LLW mission:

- To promote the importance and role of as well as possibilities for learning and education in all stages of life and for all roles one takes – as an individual or member of a family, workplace and society as a whole.

LLW vision:

- To remain and to grow as the leading promotional campaign in Slovenia, paving the way to a profound understanding and beneficial implementation of the culture of lifelong learning.





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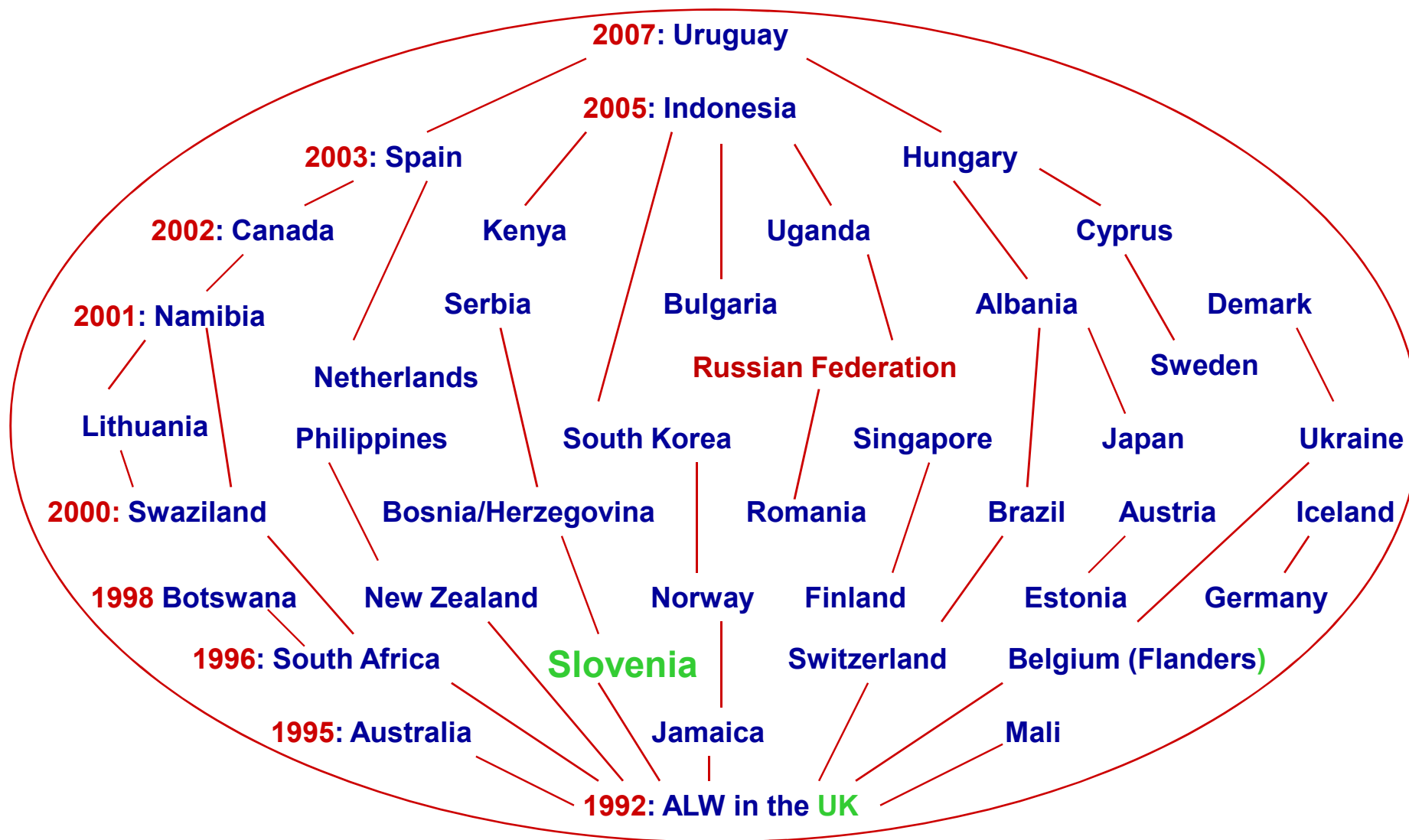
How it evolved internationally

- 1992: First ALW in Europe (NIACE, UK)**
- 1996: European Year of Lifelong Learning (ELLI)**
- 1997: Confintea V, Hamburg, Germany**
- 2000: First International Adult Learners Week (IALW), Hannover**
- 2001: European Regional Seminar, Brussels, Belgium**
- 2002: Regional meeting in Sao Paolo, Brazil**
- 2004: Six years after Confintea V, South Africa**
- 2005: IALW, Oslo, Norway**
- 2007: IALW, Manchester, UK – input for Confintea VI (2009)**
- 2009: Edinburgh, UK – voice of learners' input for Confintea VI**





The Global Advocacy Network



Goals and aims of LLW



Related to attitudes and values:

- To raise public awareness
- To raise the visibility of life-long and life-wide learning
- To promote equal valuing of all 4 pillars of learning
- To develop a positive attitude towards learning
- To awake curiosity and emphasize the joy of learning
- To create mutual acceptance and understanding



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Related to practice:

- To motivate for participation in all forms of learning
- To encourage and empower learners to express their needs
- To initiate high-quality learning and education supply
- To present multifarious education and training possibilities
- To provide information and guidance
- To establish grounds for creating long-lasting partnerships
- To celebrate outstanding learning achievements



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Related to theory:

- To rethink the state-of-art and state-of-theory in the field of lifelong learning
- To capture and present key professional issues and developments in education and learning
- To establish grounds for exchanging opinions between theoreticians and practitioners
- To strengthen research in the field of lifelong learning



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Related to policy:

- To advocate and lobby for the implementation of the strategy of lifelong learning
- To call attention to current policy issues and developments in the field of education and learning
- To create links among and foster mutual understanding of learners, professionals, practitioners and decision makers



The Slovenian LLW prides itself on:

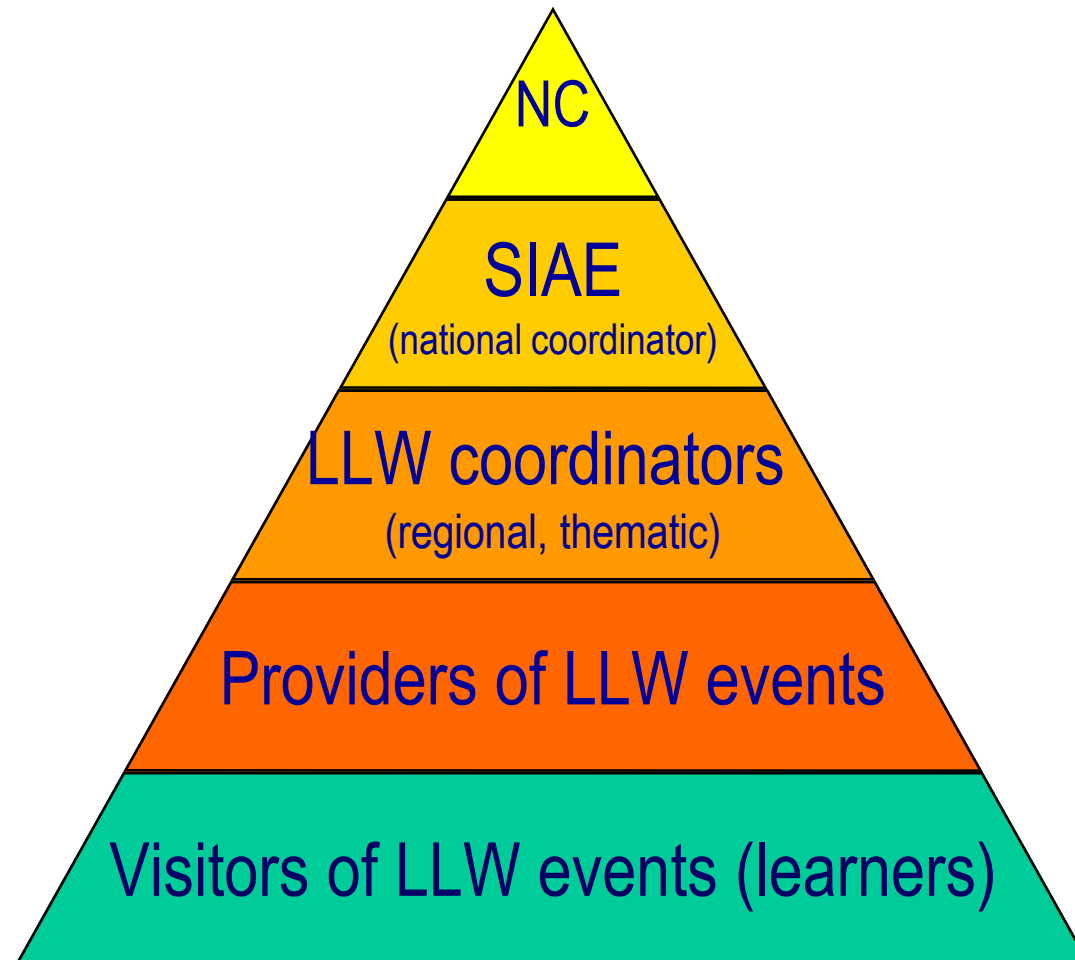


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- Coverage of 'life-long' and 'life-wide' learning
- Partnerships across all levels
- Synthesis of centralised and decentralised as well as 'top-down' and 'bottom-up' approach
- 174 award winners, i.e. examples of good practice or so called learning champions and ambassadors
- Web-based LLW monitoring and evaluation system
- Relatively sound support by the state (Ministry of labour, family and social affairs, and Ministry of education and sport)



LLW Model – Network of partners



Media, sponsors, donors and other LLW supporters



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National coordination:

- Conceptual work
- Cooperation with providers and coordinators
- International work
- National promotion and public relations

Organization of events:

- Grand opening of LLW (since 2006 on local level)
- Presentation of SIAE Awards (1997→)
- Adult Education Colloquium (1997 →)



LLW Documentation



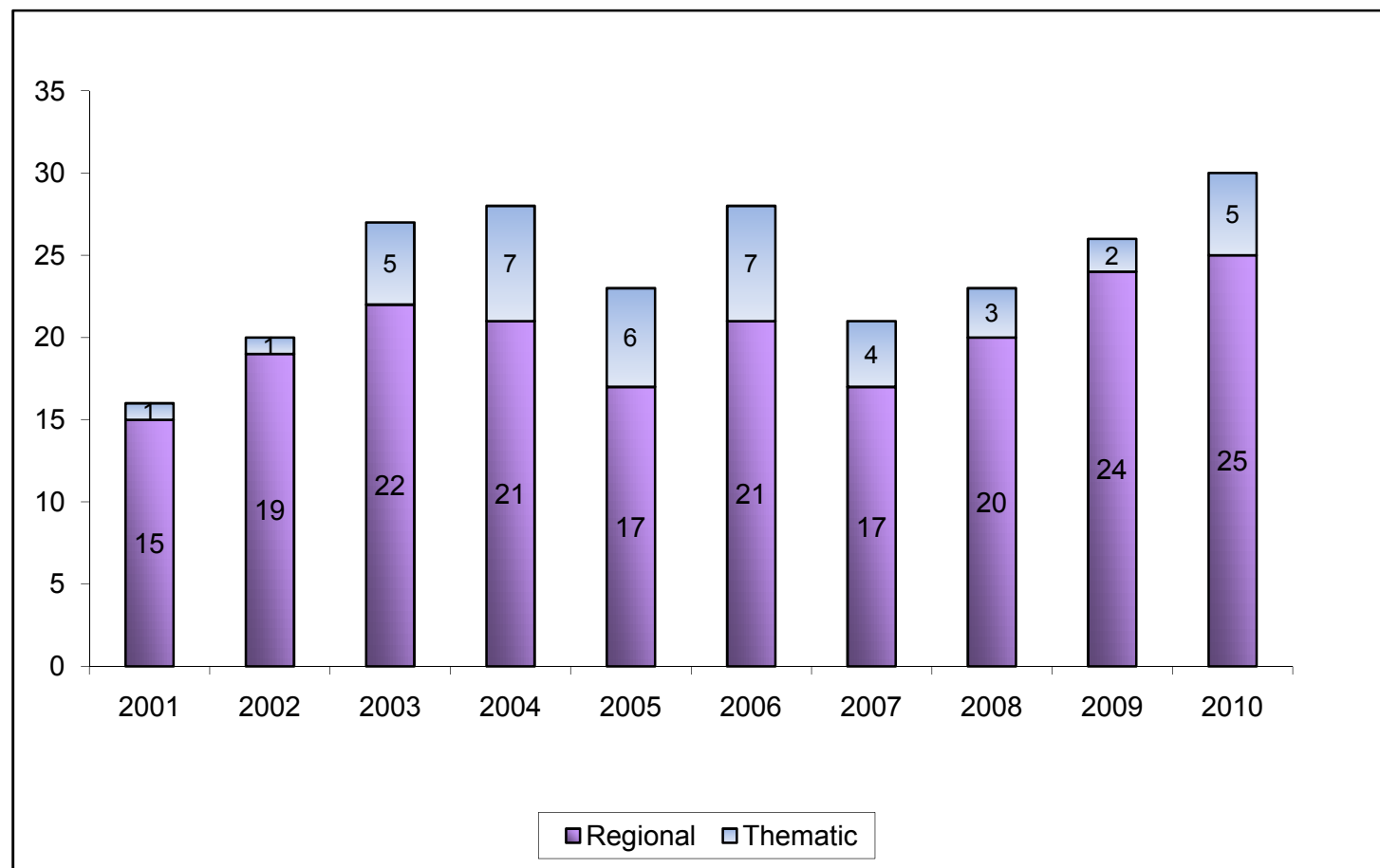
- LLW strategic plan (1998, updated in 2006)
- LLW annual plan
- Recommendations for LLW coordination (2001)
- Feedback from LLW providers
- Report and analysis of LLW
- TVU-Novičke (1996 →), LLW-Novičke (1996-2000)
- Calendar of events (printed: 1996-2000, internet: 2000 →)
- **LLW web site** (1998 →)
 - <http://tvu.acs.si> – Slovenian or
 - <http://llw.acs.si> – English
- Publications **12 years of LLW** (2007), **Role models attract** (2010)
- International publications: ***I did it my way*** (2005); ***Beating the drums for attention*** (2007)



LLW Coordinators



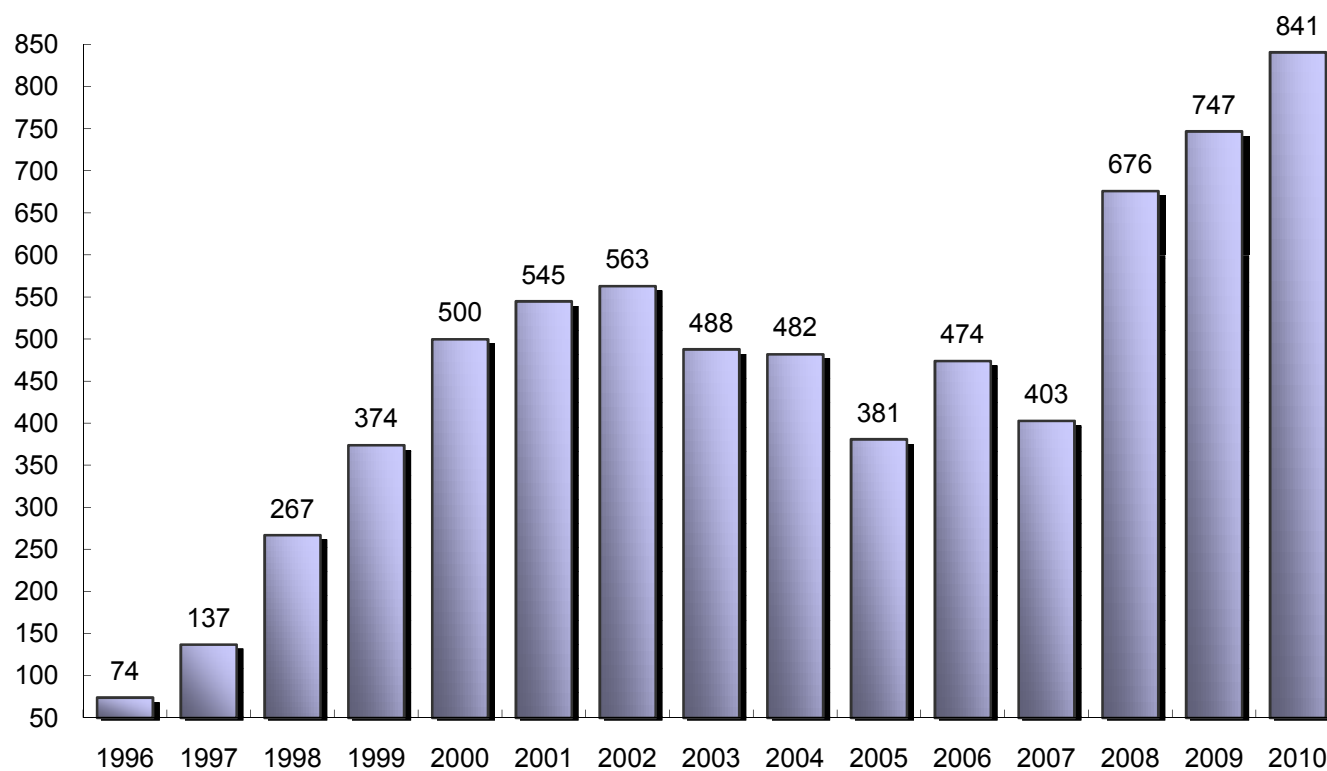
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LLW Providers



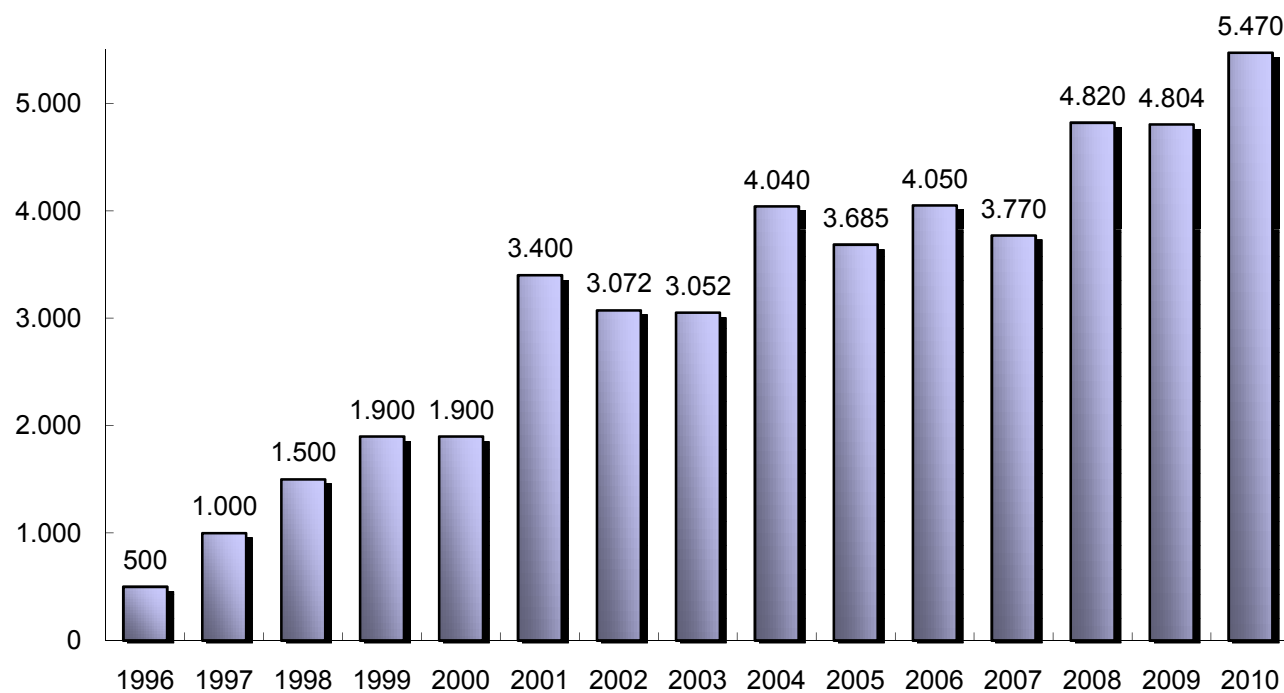
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LLW Events



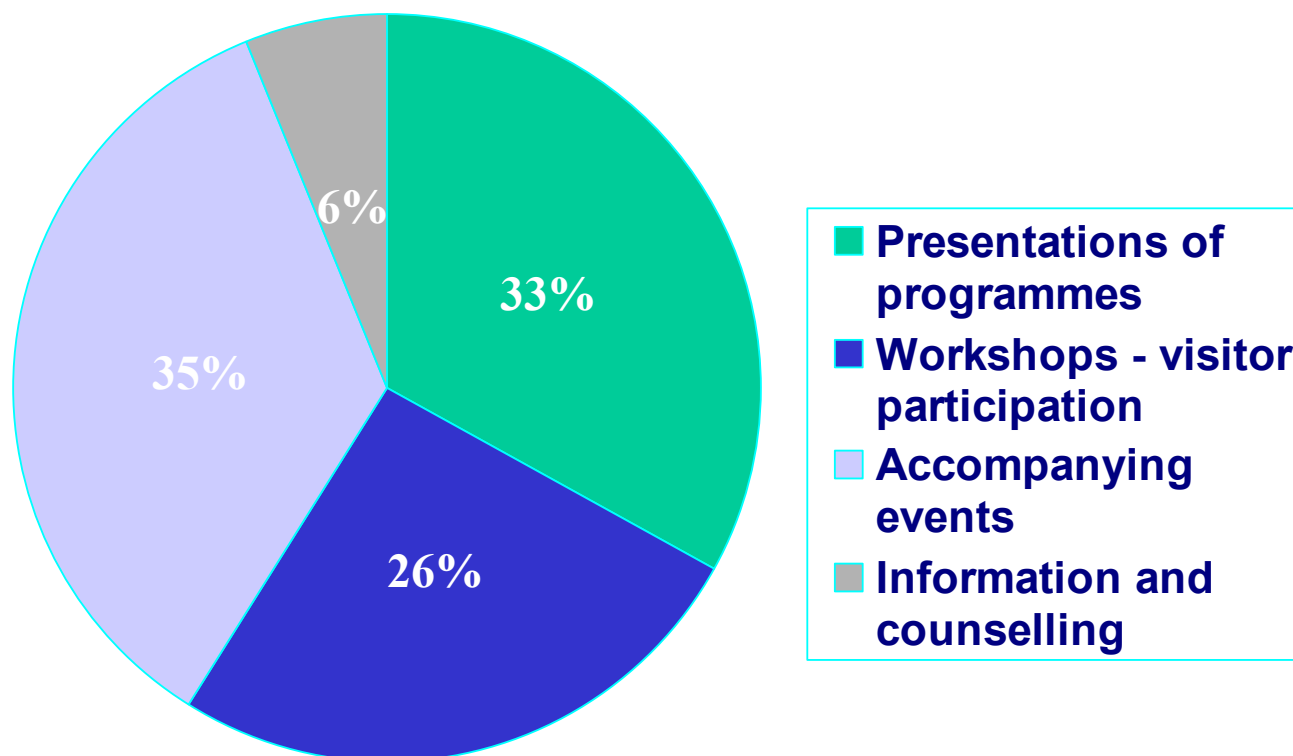
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Type of LLW events



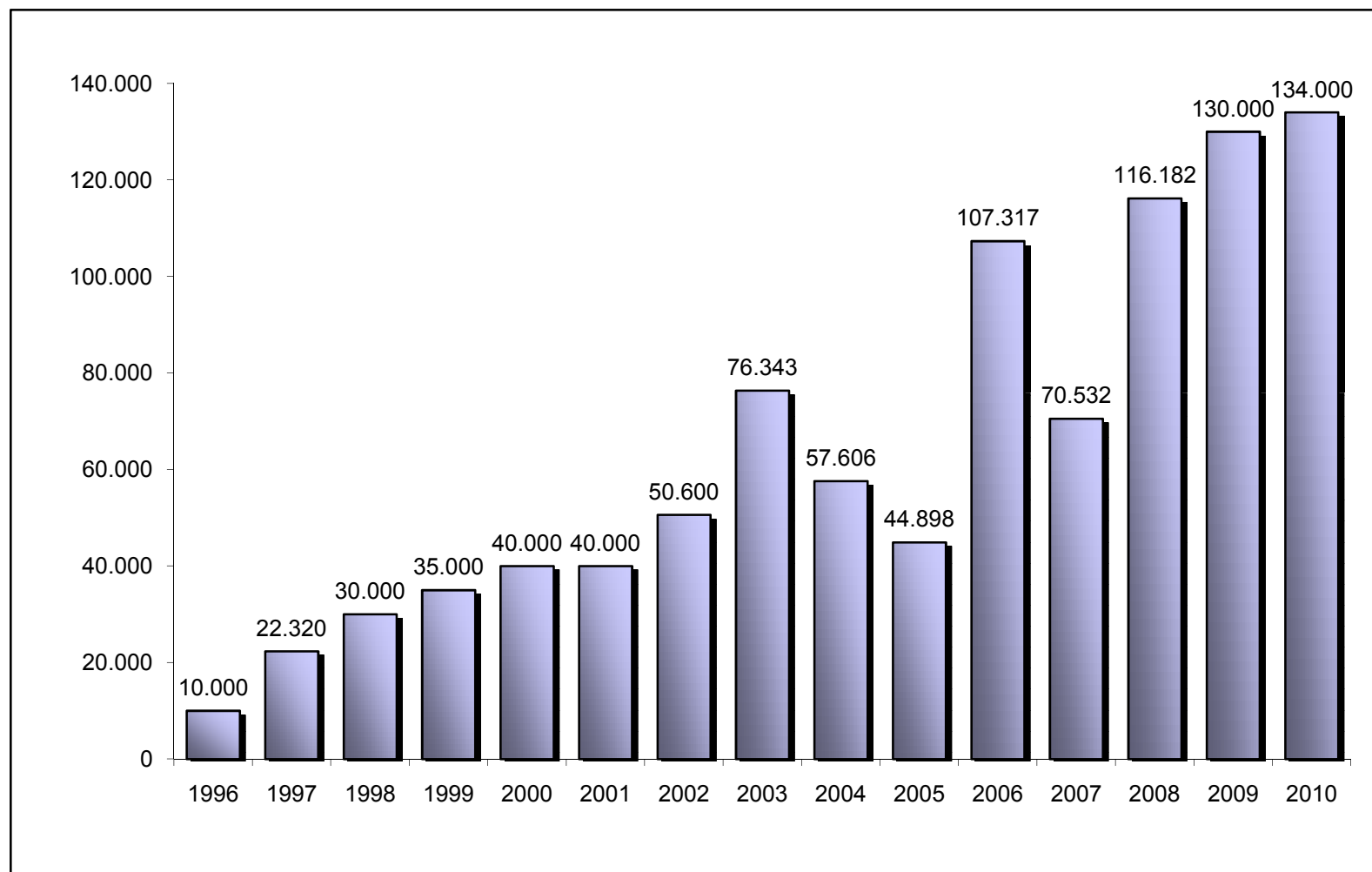
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LLW Participants



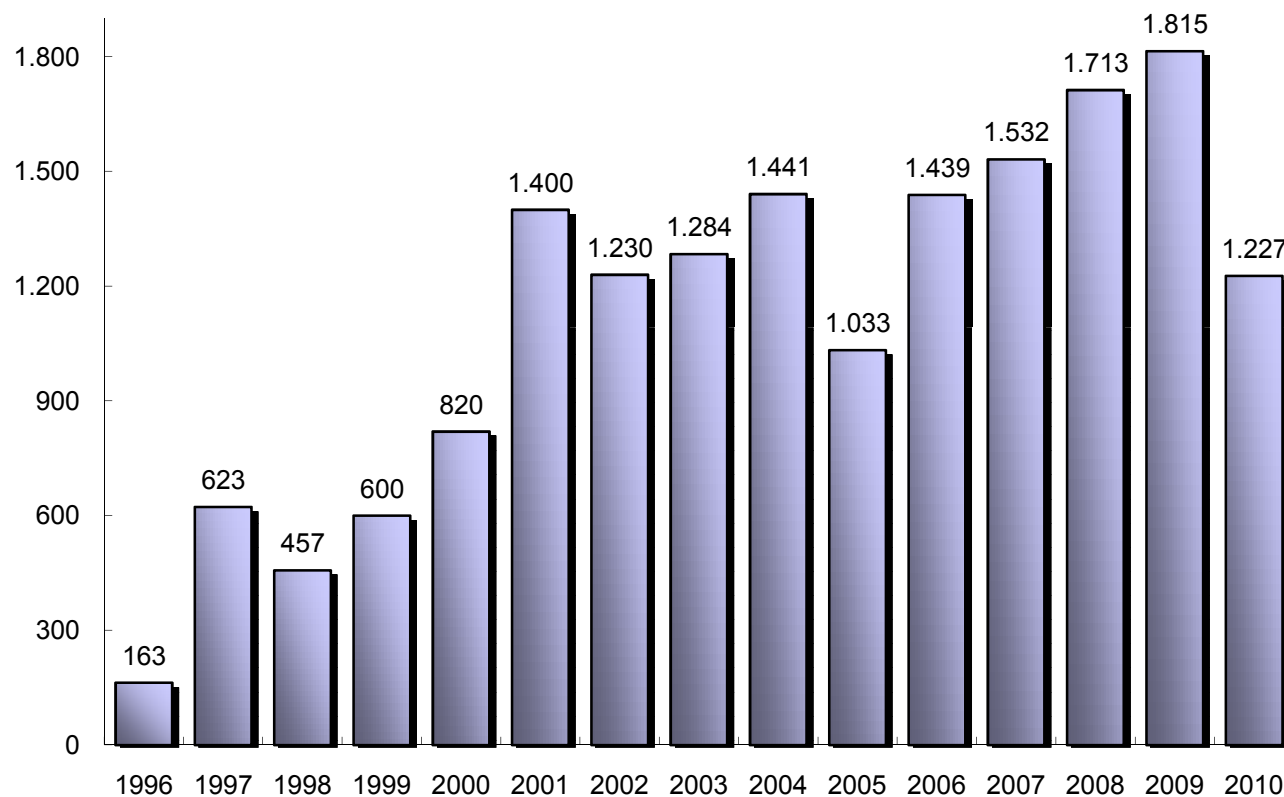
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LLW Media support



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In the period 1997-2010: 174 award winners

- 1) Awards for outstanding achievements in learning and enrichment of one's own knowledge**
(**50** to individuals and **37** to groups)

- 2) Awards for professional or promotional achievements in enriching the knowledge of others**
(**87** to individuals, groups, institutions, firms or enterprises, local communities, media)



Role models attract



- Since 1999: **video-portraits** of award winners, presented at the solemn LLW opening, at LLW venues and on local TVs
- Since 2003 – **‘Role Models Attract’** campaign (compilations of video-portraits on selected topics):
 - 1-3: Equal opportunities for all
 - 4-6: Early, middle and mature period of career
 - 7 and 7a: Richness in diversity
 - 8: Learning – the door to the world of new opportunities
 - 9: Learning and creativity in the third age (coming soon)
- Printed leaflets – presentations of 7 SIAE award winners



International projects



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2000-2003: Transfer of LLW know-how from Slovenia to South-Eastern Europe; partners:

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia, Romania. **Follow-up:** two regional learning festivals (Macedonia, 2003 and B&H, 2005);

2002-2004: Widening and Strengthening the European Dimension of the Lifelong Learning Week Movement (LLW-Grundtvig 1); partners: Bulgaria, Germany, Spain, Slovenia, Romania;

2003-2006: IntALWinE (Grundtvig 4) – **network** of national coordinators from 15 European countries and a network (forum) of adult learners.

2010-2012: Sowing the Learning Seeds; Grundtvig Learning Partnership of 7 participating countries.





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- **Several leading themes:**
 - ✓ ***European Year of Volunteering***
and others, see <http://llw.acs.si/themes/>;
- **Above 1,000 providers and close to 6,000 events**
- **Solemn opening at local level – 12 May 2011 in Žalec**
- **Presentation of 10 new SIAE awards for the promotion of learning and knowledge**
- **15th Adult Education Colloquium: *Economic crisis and adult education* – 26 May 2011 in Ljubljana**
- **SLS project meeting – 11-14 May 2011 in Ljubljana, Žalec and Prebold**

