

SLS report: Perspectives gained, lessons learned - Turkey

	Meeting	What new perspectives did the meeting give us? What did we learn? What will we use in our work?
1.	Reims, France , October 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • project planning 	During the meeting in France we formed the core group of coordinators, created mutual trust and secured the continuity of the rest of the project. It was a good thing to see Foyer Jean Thibierge who deals with disabled adults. To include disabled adults into the social life was a perfect job. We saw lots of application on adult disabled people and we got some experiences from different countries.
2.	Dublin, Ireland , February 2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • workshop on 'Volunteer involvement in learning campaigns' • attending the Adult Learners' Festival 	We encountered the ALW festival for the first time in our life and we saw a very important detail in Ireland. The volunteers were real volunteers. We learned about the relationship between voluntary contribution in the Learning Campaigns, Overwiewed of volunteering in Ireland and connections with adult learning. We understood the importance of being voluntary.
3.	Ljubljana, Žalec, Prebold, Slovenia , May 2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • workshop on 'Media engagement in ALW/LLWs and how to use new media' • attending the Lifelong Learning Week 	Before the Opening of ALW, a press conference was held and the representatives of the SLS project took part. Outcomes of the workshop: The mass media play a major role in transferring the knowledge to society. Especialy, using the social media is a very effective way to create public opinion. Your message can reach a wider audience via social media. Persistence of social media are discussed. Using the social media is a very useful way for learning campaigns. When you use it, you can save the time and you can send your all message as quickly as possible. Using the social media is common among the young people; we need to draw the attention of adults.
4.	Tallinn, Estonia , October 2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • workshop on 'Involving outstanding learners in learning promotion' • attending the Adult Learners' Week 	It was stated together with the partners that in order to make the network of the recognised learners work, constant communication and leadership is needed. Motivation and training of the leaders should be the task of an interested stakeholder.
5.	Kahramanmaras, Turkey , March 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • workshop on 'Engaging target groups in adult education' 	The meetings and seminars have been organized to gain understanding for community. The target groups were informed by making several visits. Understanding of adult education begun form in the institutes. ALW is planned for following years.
6.	Haarlem, The Netherlands , May/June 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seminar on 'Networks and partnerships promoting adult education' • concluding activities 	The librarians have a very important place in society. The libraries were placed center of the adult education. Not only books in the library but also everything is there for adults about life. Many institutes such as Seniorweb, ROC Nijmegen.... organize lots of courses and events for the benefit of adults. The voluntary system in Netherland works very well. Volunteering is a privilege. The habit of reading books is a very important issue. You read a book and change your life. We learned this slogan "Learning is like a lever that opens many doors." The learning to learn is most basic issue. If we put this issue in the middle of the our training system, adult learners can gain lots of skills.
7.	General conclusions for the Kahramanmaras Guidance and Research Center – new perspectives and ideas,	In our country, there was no ALW tradition in the past. During the SLS project meetings, we observed lots of good examples,perfect applications and opening ceremonies in Slovenia, Ireland and Estonia. We understood that the ALW organization has been keeping active to learning. The learning campaigns affect

	what can we use in our work	<p>the adult people positively and encourage adults to learn. This approach would be useful to adopt in Turkey' education system.</p> <p>SLS meetings have motivated our learners, colleagues and administrators. SLS project was a stimulus for us. We opened our doors for many innovations via this SLS project. Our managers began to change their mind. For next year, we have been planning to organize a local ALW as soon as we find resources.</p>
8.	Contribution to the general conclusions for all partners	<p>We gained lots of positive aspects and experiences. We have understood our missing points and plus strengths together. The learning campaigns such as Adult Learning Week, create a major impact on public opinion. But this kind of organization needs extra time, money and labour force. We have to save enough resources to organize them. Also we should show that learning can occur anywhere.</p>

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