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Learning cities and regions have become focal points for knowledge creation and learning in the new age of global and knowledge-intensive societies. They function as collectors and repositories of knowledge and ideas, and provide the underlying environment or infrastructure which facilitates the flow of knowledge, ideas and learning (R. Florida).

However, learning cities and regions are dynamic and open systems. They function in context, such as local traditions, learning cultures, institutional setups and value systems.

Moreover, they develop domain specific knowledge, social capital, governance, stakeholder collaboration, public-private partnerships and cooperation among sectors.

R3L+ capitalizes on this diversity by bringing together actors from EU member states in order to learn from each other and jointly elaborate a quality framework for collaborative action.

R3L+ promotes quality in adult education by reflecting good practice to be found in Learning cities and regions in the light of the European quality strategy on training and education.

R3L+ more specifically capitalizes on good practice found in the Learning cities and regions, and further develops a common set of quality methods and instruments to ensure the development, assurance and improvement of quality learning networks.

R3L+ to Learning cities and regions offers a quality framework, covering:

- Background reports on the issue of quality in Learning cities and regions
- Quality criteria and indicators, which can be used to determining and improve the quality of partnerships, participation, progress and sustainability as well as learning culture in Learning cities and regions
- A Quality cycle, describing the implementation of the R3L+ instruments within a learning approach
- A Quality handbook for planners and managers of Learning cities and regions
- Training module for key actors of Learning cities and regions