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# Lifelong Learning Strategy and Adult Education in Europe

## Presentation

This Seminar presents the views and advice of two colleagues who are very experienced in the field of European funding as it applies, in particular, to educational projects

Guy will speak on his work on centralised projects in the Socrates and LLP programmes, namely:

- The Grundtvig programme (short overview)
- Centralised Grundtvig projects (themes and topics)
- International Grundtvig courses (opportunities, themes)
- The GINCO network (needs, opportunities ...)

George will speak on his knowledge of:

- The **working documents** on which LL European policies are based (a time tunnel).
- The **main messages** on which LL policies and practices have developed so far (with some country examples).
- **European orientations** in terms of how far has Europe developed its own agenda for LL (with particular reference to adult education and learning).
- The **significant outcomes** on the basis of Europe's orientation to LL.
- **Suggestions for the future** on the basis of developing a viable living and learning environment for all Europeans.

## Biographies

**Guy Tilkin** (MA Geography and MA Anthropology) is the coordinator of the European division in Alden Biesen, Belgium ([www.alden-biesen.be](http://www.alden-biesen.be)), an international centre from the Flemish government, based in a historic castle. He has been the coordinator of a series of projects under the LLP and Socrates programmes and his special know how on European citizenship, quality care, networking and validation of learning outcomes is gained through centralised projects like: **MICE**: *Model Instruments for a Common Evaluation*, **SPECIAL**: *Strengthening and promoting European Citizenship in Adult Learning*, **SEALLL**: *Self-Evaluation in Adult Life Long Learning*, **ComNet**: *Competences for Networking*, **ACTnet**: *Validation of Informal Learning*, and **VILMA**: *Validation of Informal Learning in Mobility Activities*.

Guy runs Grundtvig courses on most of these themes and, presently, coordinates **GINCO**: *Grundtvig International Network of Course Organisers* and the Comenius project **AQUEDUCT**: *Acquiring Key Competences Through Heritage Education*.

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**George K. Zarifis** is an Assistant Professor of Continuing Education in the Department of Pedagogy (School of Philosophy & Pedagogy, Faculty of Philosophy), of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in Greece. His area of expertise is Continuing Education with specific interest in the development of educational methodologies for accommodating adult learning. His research focuses primarily on adult educators' training and professionalization. His research interests also include the study of adult participation in organised educational and training activities, and the comparative examination of NVAE, VET and CPD policies and practices in South-Eastern Europe and the Balkans. Some of his work has been published in international peer-reviewed journals (<http://auth.academia.edu/GeorgeKZarifis>). He is an elected member of the ESREA (European Society for Research on the Education of Adults) Steering Committee, and the convener of the ESREA thematic research network (Research Network on Adult Educators, Trainers and their Professional Development - ReNADET) entirely devoted to the adult educator and trainer in Europe (<http://www.esrea-renadet.net>).

**Questions and discussion are encouraged as part of the Seminar..**



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