



# The EU Xploit Learning Communities conference

Salt Catalonia 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2013

**FROM EXPLOITATION TO LEARNING COMMUNITIES**

For community practitioners, local stakeholders and policy-makers interested in exploitation of EU resources and in learning communities

Learn about and dialogue with communities exploiting European learning and social resources

Qualify your work for your community and take it further

Interact with learning communities

Join European networks for learning communities addressing the 2014-20 funding programs



## Why?

A wide range of educational, social and cultural resources and innovation are constantly being created by European cooperation initiatives, funded by the European Commission.

Lessons learned are, however, that local communities are not able to exploit and benefit from such resources, unless solid infrastructures of collaboration and partnerships are in place in the communities - with the capacity to capture, integrate and put into practice such resources.

**In other words: we need communities to develop into learning communities to exploit and benefit from European innovation.**

This is what the 3 year Xploit project has been working with, in interaction and collaboration with other European and global learning communities resources.

## What?

And this is why you need to take part in the conference: to assist your community in benefitting from the wide range of European resources and to take steps towards building solid networks and partnerships on the way to becoming a learning community...

The conference will offer you insight into and dialogues on rich lessons learned from the Xploit communities in the UK, Italy, Romania, Spain and Hungary - and offer interesting input from new learning cities initiatives, such as for example in Israel.

At the same time you will be invited to discuss the most important challenges to learning communities - inspired by learning community professionals and experts from Europe and beyond.

## Where?

The event will take place in vibrating and multicultural Salt in Catalonia Spain, and you have the possibility to spend an extra day or the weekend in exciting Barcelona, if you wish to, or visit the nice small villages in Costa Brava. Low fare flights are available to Girona from all over Europe, and Girona offers fair priced accommodation.

## Whom?

The conference aims to gather community practitioners and local policy-makers concerned with identifying important community needs, exploiting European resources through European cooperation and with

taking steps to build partnerships and infrastructures of collaboration in the community.

**In short: community players with a strong interest in developing their community into a learning community.**

## How?

You can approach your National Agency and discuss possible support measures, and you can discuss how to finance your participation in your organisation or in your community networks.

The conference is free of charge and Catalonia can offer you low budget travel and accommodation.

## How will you benefit?

Before, during and after the conference you will be invited to use and discuss the outcomes of the Xploit project, offering a wide range of learning community approaches, inspiration and practical cases from very different working communities from across Europe.

**Active participation will enable you to take new and valuable steps in your community and to play a key role in the future of your community.**

The conference is not a traditional one, as it is not only aiming to discuss the past, but is pointing towards *taking future action*. You will be invited to participate in the creation of European learning community networks aiming to address the 2014-20 funding programs.

## What to do?

Use the simple registration form available on the project website. The registration deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2013. *As we foresee a highly interactive event, the number of participants will be limited.*

You can learn more about the conference and explore the Xploit learning community material on [www.xploit-eu.com](http://www.xploit-eu.com).

Remember to discuss your participation in your community to make sure that your community benefits from the conference...

***Welcome to Xploit and learning communities in Salt Catalonia in April!***

The Xploit partners offer consultancy and advisory services to European communities aiming to develop learning community initiatives. Contact project coordinator Jan Gejel on [jan.gejel@skolekom.dk](mailto:jan.gejel@skolekom.dk) to know more.

**YOU DO NOT WISH TO MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND TO TAKE PART IN NETWORKS ADDRESSING THE 2014-20 EU FUNDING PROGRAMS!!**