

Participation rate in lifelong learning is rising in Estonia

According to EAEAs member ANDRAS, Estonian adult learning and education (ALE) situation has slightly improved compared to the previous year. Also the funding situation for ALE has slightly improved and the participation rate in lifelong learning is rising.

According to ANDRAS, the existing ALE policies promote inclusive and accessible adult education, respond to labour market needs, and foster social cohesion, democratic participation, and well-being. However, no significant changes or new adult education policies were reported in Estonia in this period.

Funding sources of adult education in Estonia are the following:

- Project funding
- Programme funding
- Fees paid by individuals
- Contributions paid by employers.

Connection with decision-makers are good, but could be better

Civil society organisations in Estonia have good opportunities to express their views and concerns to policymakers. ANDRAS has actively participated in public consultations at the national level and is a strategic partner to the Ministry of Education & Research. Civil society from Estonia is also involved in the implementation of the CONFINTEA VII Marrakech Framework for Action. However, ANDRAS would like national decision-makers

to foster more contacts with adult education providers.

Adult learning and the EU

The Country Reports and Country Specific Recommendations of the European Commission are perceived to reflect the situation of ALE in Estonia well. ALE programs also address the issues indicated in the reports. The implementation of the European Education Area in Estonia is getting clearer and better.

EAEAs Estonian member reports that ALE organisations in Estonia are aware of Erasmus+ mobility opportunities and also have the capacity to apply for Erasmus+ funding.

ANDRAS has planned several activities in the context of the European Year of Skills.

Current activities and future plans

In 2023, ANDRAS has planned several events focusing on adult learning and the green transition, including seminars and forums. ANDRAS has also engaged in advocacy activities such as Adult Learners' Week, Adult Education Forum, Adult Learners' Forum, and regional networks of Adult Education.

The organisation's focus for 2023/2024 includes enhancing skills and raising adults' awareness of learning opportunities.
