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8th PLA Promoting Adult Learning
Networks

2nd and 3rd October 2023



PRALINE meets in Zagreb to highlight the value of Croatian VET in an improving employment environment

The eighth PLA (Peer Learning Activity) of the European project PRALINE (Promoting Adult Learning in Networks) was held on 2 and 3 October 2023 in Zagreb (Croatia). Hrvatsko Andragosko Drustvo (Croatian Andragogy Society) oversaw the meeting at the Croatian Chamber of Commerce and Crafts.

The conference focused on the educational system in Croatia country. As well as actions carried out to promote adult education in the country. Speakers presented various measures for dissemination and support for adults to access education and training.

Itana Bukovac, head of the Adult Education Department at the Public Open University Samobor, gave an example of good practice in this type of education at her educational institution, as well as the dissemination activities that are carried out.

Participants who also shared their perspectives on the strategy for promoting adult learning at regional level included Nives Nvak, Head of the Lifelong Learning Development Section at The Agency for Vocational Education and Training and Adult Education, and Hrvoje Jelen and Danijel Dekic, Regional Coordinators for the Promotion of Adult Education at Zagreb Craft College, among others.

Croatia bets on VET as a method to tackle unemployment

One of the most important topics of the conference was the commitment to vocational training as a key tool for getting the country's unemployed into the labour market. Kristina Mazalin, senior expert advisor of the Department of Vocational Guidance and Education of the Central Office of the Employment Service in Croatia, explained in detail the actions carried out to improve the qualifications of unemployed people in order to obtain employment opportunities.

The PRALINE partners met to share their points of view, to encourage debate and to develop new ideas.

The project partners will meet again in the ninth and last PLA in the Netherlands, where a final conference will be organised in December to close the project. This will be organised by MBO Raad, the project's coordinating association.

PRALINE is an Erasmus+ funded project that aims to strengthen and boost international networks of adult education providers already in operation by learning about good practice.