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B10 - Supporting internationalization, quality and inclusion in Adult Education

Summary of the discussion

In this session, following a brief presentation, the discussion was built around 3 questions:

- Which type of organisations should benefit most?
- What should be the profile of learners, and how to best support adult education providers?
- Are the current types of activities adequate? Are there other forms?

Main outcomes/operational conclusions.

Responding to the three main questions stated above, participants expressed the following ideas:

- There is a wish for a better balance between formal and non-formal organisations participating in the programme.
- More diversity between large and grassroots organisations is needed.
- There is a request for mobility for Adult Learners, not only embedded in partnerships as is the current situation but also under the mobility actions, in particular for learners with a disadvantage. There should be a balance between KA1 and KA2 opportunities.
- Focus on accessibility and availability of the programme for all participants, in particular those with a disadvantage, while avoiding labelling them as such.
- More support for seniors (retired people) and atypical learners is needed. There is a wish for flexibility and more simple formats to allow these groups to participate.
- Job shadowing is a very useful action but there is need for financial support for the hosting organisations.
- Support for staff returning from learning mobility to actually transfer learning outcomes acquired in the organisation or in the community would be a very good investment.
- In view of some participants, the current programme does not respond enough to adult learners needs because small organizations that reach out to them do not have the capability to participate in the programme under Key Action 2.
- There is a need for capacity building across the Adult Education sector.