



**Thematic (TCA) seminar
VET, School Education and Adult Education
Theme Migrants in education**

The current migrant situation with large numbers of refugees require education to respond. Therefore, the migrant situation has been given special priority in Erasmus+, the European Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport Under the Netherlands EU Presidency 2016 the National Agency Education & Training is organising in cooperation with the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, a thematic seminar on migrants in education to highlight the importance and urgency to look into the practices and responsibility for education in this issue.

The NA Erasmus+ The Netherlands has titled the (TCA) thematic conference

'Solutions for professionals in education dealing with challenges coming from the migrant situation'

This cross-sectoral seminar is open for participants from VET, School Education and Adult Education

Date and place: in Amsterdam, arrival Wednesday 15 June for dinner 19.30 hrs and departure Friday 17 June 2016 at 13.00 hrs.

The focus of the seminar is the role of **professionals** who have to deal with this issue in their daily activities. How do they deal with situations, what are their needs, what do they need? What are success factors and good methods, practices that really helps professionals in education?

This seminar will build upon the outcomes of the German Seminar on Refugees in April in Essen and the International Conference "Migration - Integration: Schools Manage Diversity!" in May in Bonn. The Amsterdam seminar will focus further on the role of professionals. How do schools, teacher teams, guidance professionals, volunteers in adult education deal with the pressure, the tensions coming from outside from all kinds of corners to their class rooms, school environment and neighbourhoods. The conference wants to focus not on the organisational / practical dimensions but on the professional competences, attitudes, mind sets, values needed to create a safe and secure climate for learning and teaching at school in class, for teachers and learners, and outside school. The refugees crisis has an enormous impact on pupils, students, teachers, parents, counsellors. How do they deal with this? Is it something that should be discussed in the class and should it be initiated by a teacher? Do teachers in formal, non-formal and informal education discuss amongst themselves how to deal with it? What to do as a manager? What to do when there are all kind of tensions and feelings of unsafety at school, in classes, between different groups, between migrants and



others and between different migrant groups. Pupils, students and their parents, do they talk about it? What about the role of the press and social media? How to advise worried parents or how to deal with aggressive situations in this context?

Participants should be experts because of their practical experience in their country to make an exchange possible and identify good practices and pitfalls possibly leading to transnational cooperation to work on an Erasmus+ application for KA1 Mobility or KA2 Strategic Partnerships.

The number of participants is limited to 40, preferably coming from Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, UK, Ireland and The Netherlands. The NA's of these countries will be asked to inform the Dutch NA if and how many participants (max 3 per country) they would like to send. Please click [here](#) to fill in the form, before Monday 11 April 2016.

The Dutch NA will cooperate with other NA's to decide on how many and which persons should be the right persons to participate. Participants will get an invitation directly from the Dutch NA around end of April and can book their flights by then and are advised to book earlier only on their own risk.

The Dutch NA will cover all **costs** for the conference, the accommodation and catering. Participants only have to cover their travel expenses themselves and may ask their NA for TCA funding for their **travel**.

The organising team from the Netherlands National Agency Erasmus+ for Education and Training is wishing for a fruitful learning event and lots of good ideas and cooperation and hope that you can contribute to this!

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