**Coordinating National Agency:**

National Agency Education for Europe at the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training

**Title of event:**

**“** **Fostering critical thinking and media literacy – Strengthening European democracy through adult education** **”**

**Starting date of the event:** 10/12/2018

**Ending date of the event:** 12/12/2018

**Event venue (city, country):** Berlin, Germany

**Working language:** English

**Number of places in total:** 80

**Profile of participants:**

The contact seminar is open to participants from the sector of adult education. The planned projects shall address adults’ critical media literacy.

**Themes and goals of the event:**

There is an ongoing success and growth of radical or populist political movements all over Europe, often fuelled by untrustworthy news sources on the internet. This requires innovative pedagogical concepts and approaches that address adults’ critical thinking skills in terms of information received through media, politicians and further opinion makers. It poses an additional challenge to reach out to an audience particularly vulnerable to misinformation or fake news. Erasmus+ Strategic partnerships offer the opportunity to share, develop or transfer innovative practice to tackle these problems and to strengthen democracy. The contact seminar aims to bring together participants with similar project ideas on this topic in order to develop KA2 project proposals. The NA will provide a forum for an exchange of ideas via [EPALE](https://ec.europa.eu/epale/en) (Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe) prior to the contact seminar.

**Expected results:**

Participants will find motivated partners with similar project ideas and will jointly draft good quality KA2 project proposals for the next Erasmus+ selection round.

**Types of participant’s data sending to the organizer:**

Participants will be required to fill in a participants’ profile form, which will include a short description of the respective project ideas.

**Registration** (if applicable)**:**

NA BIBB will send a registration form to selected participants prior to the event.