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*Culture knowledge and
language competences as
a means to develop the
21st century skills*



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The project is a continuation of the Erasmus+ projects carried out in the years 2014-2016 "Key Skills for EU Hotel Staff" and in 2016-2018 „Language skills and intercultural issues in the hospitality industry: unity in diversity in the EU labour market”.

The current project is intended to elaborate and put forward the results attained in the previous two projects and by attracting new partners, involving new target groups of participants and adding the development of learners’ other key skills it is extending the scope as well.



The Consortium is creating innovative learning material, an OER, applying the CLIL methodology (content based language learning) and creating comprehensive blended-learning modules involving online learning material and material for group work/ pair work in chatrooms and F2F sessions to develop the key skills in a complex way. The material is based on exploring cultural heritage of our countries, created in 10 EU languages (our languages: HR, LV, PL, SI, CZ, RO, HU, + EN, DE, FR as the major foreign languages spoken in Europe) fostering the development of cultural knowledge and awareness, language competences and relevant 21st century skills for adult learners.

The course is targeted at adult learners including those with certain obstacles to learning (geographical, social, economic, cultural, educational) depending on the country.

The project is related with the themes of the Year of European Cultural Heritage addressing

the 2 main objectives of the Year: ‘Engagement’ (the theme ‘Shared Heritage’) and ‘Innovations’ (the theme ‘Heritage-related skills’). Although in the forefront of each country in Europe is some of these specific objectives, our needs analysis conducted shows that those themes are important for all of us. We will contribute to increasing our common understanding of European cultural heritage, and developing people’s skills relevant for creating innovations, by creating a learning program (OER) based on the rich cultural heritage of our countries, developed in 10 languages which will foster common cultural values and skills development.

We will address adult learners in our education institutions; in rural areas, including in remote ones to involve learners with geographical, economic and cultural barriers for learning, thus fostering their social inclusion; adult learners in formal and non-formal education, also on lifelong learning basis; those lacking the skills and competences.



The overall aim of the project is to develop adult learners’ relevant 21st century skills (communication, language competence, intercultural competence, collaboration, innovation, initiative, ICT skills, etc.) and foster the learners’ knowledge of the rich European cultural heritage and its values by applying innovative learning approaches and materials consequently improving people’s education level and bringing them closer to cultural

heritage, history and the common values of Europe, enhancing their overall development and employability.

Transnational implementation of the project will contribute to increasing first-hand knowledge of cultural heritage of 6 EU countries (Croatia, Latvia, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Romania) representing various geographic regions of Europe, as well as it fosters experience exchange and the use of each partner’s expertise to attain overall project aims.

We will produce 3 outputs:



This project is targeted at adult learners with an aim to develop their 21st century key skills in a blended-learning course applying CLIL methodology. Course is created around European rich cultural heritage. So apart from the development of language competence and intercultural competence, the learners will be exposed to wide cultural knowledge and they will raise their cultural knowledge and awareness.

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