

# PROACT

PROfessional development for ACTors involved in the social economy sector

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Welcome to the first edition of the **PROACT Newsletter**. This regular newsletter forms part of the information materials published to disseminate and promote the aims, activities and outputs of the **PROACT** project. It is promoted by the French *Institut de Formation et d'Appui aux Initiatives de Developement (IFAID Aquitaine)* and funded by the European Commission's *Leonardo da Vinci - Transfer of Innovation* action of the *Lifelong Learning Programme*.

The projects partnership comprises of six partners from France, the Czech Republic, Italy, Portugal, the United Kingdom and Germany.



### PROACT context and objectives

In Europe, the social economy sector is playing an increasingly more important role in the social and economic lives of its citizens. However, this sector is largely comprised of many small organisations with employ-

ees/volunteers and managers who have little or no experience concerning the management and professional development of their organisation in order to meet new expectations. The professional development of this sector is therefore very important and needed in order to strengthen current jobs and to create new ones.

PROACT is actively responding to this challenge. Since October 2012 we have been working to develop the acquisition of knowledge and key competences for 35 social economy workers (employees, volunteers and managers) from different European organisations (IT, FR, CZ, PT and UK) in order for them to manage better and strengthen their organisations. This will create a transferable set of learning approaches that can be then applied across the social economy sector as a whole.

### Current activities - pilot trainings

We have worked together to create a new and exciting programme of learning which is now being piloted across our partners to reflect and test the effectiveness of the approach. These have proved to be very popular, thus demonstrating the need for such a programme.

We are working with diverse community organisations and learners including paid staff, volunteers and trustees. Training is being carried out using real work situations in order to improve its effectiveness, with learners applying their training within their own organisations. A thorough evaluation of the programme will be completed by September 2014 and we will then be able to demonstrate how the approach works across the EU to add real

value to the skills of those working in the social economy sector.

## Output and results

The main outputs and results of this project are:

- Manual for learners and training materials
- Manual for trainers
- Project website ([www.proact-project.eu](http://www.proact-project.eu))

All materials will be available in Czech, English, French, Italian and Portuguese.

During specific pilot training courses in the five different countries, all of the pedagogic materials and concepts will be tested and evaluated by different target groups and experts. On the basis of these results, the materials will be revised to produce their final versions in September 2014.

## Target groups of the project

The *PROACT* project is tailored towards the following main target groups:

- Diverse community organisations, third sector organisations
- Paid staff, volunteers and trustees involved in these organisations
- Trainers in the social economy sector
- Adult education providers, vocational education centres
- Local authorities, researchers, experts

## Partnership

### Project Promoter:

IFAID Aquitaine (FR)  
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### Project Partners:

SEDUKON, o.p.s. (CZ)  
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