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## MATURE 45+ PROJECT

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This project targets different problems of employability, education and social involvement of the population over 45 years old, which represents almost half of the EU population – a significant pool of human resources important for the economic, social and cultural development of our societies. **The main goal** of the project is to open new possibilities of learning and employment for adults over the age of 45 and help them integrate actively in the European work digital environment. This goal will be achieved by creating the resource centre for the development of digital and labour skills in order to tackle the breach and polarisation in the supply of these skills, and by developing APP for mobile devices to enable learners receive constant access to tutorials, job and training offers or information designed for their profile.

This work will be done in a period of two years and the products will be tested at pilot mode with 20 tutors and 40 adults distributed among the 4 countries.

### *Who are involved in the project?*

**The Fundación Laboral del Metal (Labour Metal Foundation – FLM)** is a Non-Profit organisation aimed to provide training actions and solutions for the Metal Industry tissue in Cantabria region, Spain.

**DEKRA Akademie**, together with its affiliate DEKRA Qualification, is one of the leading educational providers in Germany and boasts more than 30 years of experience in vocational and further education.

**Folkuniversitetet** is an adult educational association that offers a wide range of adult education all over Sweden. It is an association of five foundations offering a broad open educational program in a variety of subjects.

**Vytautas Magnus University Centre for Vocational Education and Research** working in research and study projects of the vocational education system and its changes in Lithuania.

### *First activities*

The first partners' meeting took place in Santander (Spain) on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October, 2016. During the meeting, the partners discussed and planned all project activities. It was agreed to hold the second meeting in Sweden on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of March. Discussed was also the methodology for the research on the initial study of employment context and resources for people over the age of 45 in the partners' countries.

### *The initial study of the employment context and resources for people over the age of 45 in the partners' countries*

This is one of the starting work packages led by the Folkuniversitetet (Sweden). The goal of this study is to identify the policies, initiatives, resources and national and European institutions oriented to groups over the age of 45 in the project partners' countries. The findings

of this study will serve as a source of information for the development of the digital training tutorials and learning platform for adults. Folkuniversitetet prepared the structured questionnaire to collect and analyze the data from the project partners' countries. This questionnaire covers different topics starting from the analysis of current situation of 45+ with regards to education, employment, self-employment and civic inclusion and ending with the overview of different good practices of training and labour market integration of the project target group. Project partners provide the answers to the questionnaire and Folkuniversitetet prepares the synthesis study, which will be discussed in the next partners meeting in March 2017 and afterwards made public on the project website <http://www.mature45.eu>.

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