



The ADUQUA network had its first "Kick-off" meeting in Helsinki and Stockholm from the 3rd of November to the 6th of November 2011.

ADUQUA- a Grundtvig Life Long Learning network- was established to create a broad European framework for developing quality standards of integration training for adult migrants. Through the ADUQUA network, experiences of migration and education issues will be shared and will contribute to promote the development of common standards and criteria.

Representatives from 13 countries involving 15 partners met, got acquainted and had a chance to discuss the common aims for the project during the three days meeting. All the respective countries presented national and local policies as well as practice within the field of integration training in education. The countries represented were Finland, Sweden, Cyprus, Italy Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Belgium, Ireland, Iceland, Austria and Great Britain.

Our first meeting took place at Axxell Multicultural Centre in Helsinki, November 3rd. All participants got a chance to participate in classes for language training in Finnish for newcomers, an interesting experience for us all. Furthermore, the participants

agreed on responsibilities and working methods of the project. All partners were informed on the formal framework of the project as to financial rules, milestones and methods of dissemination. We agreed on coming dates for the transnational meetings and on communication methods and tools and tools. A management group for the project was appointed.

The meeting continued onboard "Tallink Silja Line", a ship that departed from Helsinki on Friday 4th of November heading for Stockholm. The third day meeting took place at SFI at Söderort, one of the many centers in Stockholm for language and vocational training for adult migrants. The last meeting took place on Sunday the 6th at a hotel in the center of Stockholm. The arrangements were very well coordinated and the choice of different settings in two countries enabled the group of 32 participants to get to know each other better and clarify the future aims and framework for the project.

Next meeting will take place be in Chorley, England from Friday May 11th 2012 until Monday May 14th.