

THE RAPORT OF THE FIFTH PROJECT MEETING ORGANIZED AT LEIDEN-THE NETHERLANDS, DURING 24TH – 27TH MAY 2011

Roc Adult Education Organization, Leiden, the Netherlands held during 24t -27th May 2011, at one of its offices, the fifth and final workshop in the European project “Art for Sustainable Action Projects” funded under the “Grundtvig Lifelong Learning Programme”- *Learning Partnership, 2009*.

The above mentioned project runs from August 2009 to July 2011, in partnership with four other European institutions: the National Museum in Krakow, Poland, ROC Adult Education Organization, Leiden-Netherlands, Cultural and Educational Center Adiyaman- Turkey and eCoherence Sustainable Development Association, Cannes – France

The project aims to create a favorable framework for the development of new methodologies using artistic tools to promote the concept of sustainable development in local communities by working with various socially disadvantaged groups: immigrants, women, elderly, disabled, unemployed, children and young people seeking jobs, etc.

At the meeting held in Leiden, took part, along with 12 representatives from European institutions and our hosts participated in one or other of the activities, over 40 people, immigrants, and our hosts’ target group.

On the agenda organized in this mobility were found several aspects and some organizational and creative activities were run, that stimulated mutual cooperation, communication, sharing of best practices, intercultural, joint work of more than 50 people from different social and cultural environment.

These activities included

- Centralized database of all partners (activities, photos, other products, etc.) to achieve a manual of best practices, in fact the final product of this project, and the final report of the project
- Workshops that used theatre as artistic means of nonverbal communication, the creation of life stories starting from some images, etc.

These activities were very interesting in terms of the target group, who comes from another culture than the Dutch, the Dutch partner aiming to identify and promote a strategy to integrate these people, especially women, who come from countries such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, Morocco, Tanzania, Mexico, Panama, Suriname, etc.

We also participated to some activities of discovery, knowledge of the specific cultural, social and historical places of the Netherlands :

- a bicycle trip in the surroundings of Leiden, the opportunity to visit some agricultural farms
- a boat ride on the canals of the city of Leiden, the opportunity to identify th landscapes and cultural sites from a unique perspective.
- sightseeing: the oldest university in the Netherlands -1575, one of the oldest botanical gardens in the world “*Hortus Botanicus*” -1685, the birthplace of Rembrandt, the famous painter, the church and “John Robinson” Memorial House -1625, considered the leader of “Pilgrimage Fathers“ and the Ethnology Museum.

