



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Founding the FIRST Network

(The First International Realisation Support Team Network)

Undersigned 4th of December 2020 r.

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The “First-time international projects realisers support network” Partner organisations:

- Foundation of Alternative Educational Initiatives, Poland
- Cooperativa Sociale COOSS MARCHE ONLUS scpa, Italy,
- Folk High School Association Surrounding Budapest, Hungary,
 - Interfolk, Institut for Civilsamfund, Denmark,
- EDUCULT – Denken und Handeln in Kultur und Bildung, Austria,

hereby declare to found an international network aiming at strengthening cooperation opportunities for the benefit of the European Education Area, with the name “**First International Realisation Support Team Network**” (“**FIRST Network**”).

The Partner organisations agree:

§ 1.

1. **The Mission of the FIRST Network is:** Strengthening the capacity of civil society organizations and entities active in the adult education sector to operate in the international arena, enhancing innovativeness and the ability to adapt to changes in the modern world.

§ 2.

The Statutory Goals of the FIRST Network are:

- 1) Providing support for the international project realisers.
- 2) Facilitating the acquisition of skills, competences and expert knowledge, exchange of experiences and testing innovations.
- 3) Increasing the number and quality of cooperation activities at the European level and intensifying international cooperation in the field of liberal adult education.
- 4) Strengthening the cooperation between the existing networks in order to strengthen the organizational and financial structure and capacity of the FIRST Network and its members.



§ 3.

The FIRST Network's activities will include:

- a) Exchange of experiences.
- b) Organization of symposia, meetings and lectures, workshops with theoreticians and practitioners.
- c) Organisation and promotion of multilingual events and issuing publications.
- d) Creation and supporting website(s)/ internet portal(s) dedicated to the intensification of international cooperation.
- e) Transfer of knowledge between the members, in various forms.
- f) Cooperation with educational institutions and civil society organizations active in the liberal adult education sector from across Europe.
- g) Cooperation with policymakers and other stakeholders.

§ 4.

The FIRST Network may carry out activities in the following areas:

Organization, management, support and financing projects, trainings, workshops, seminars, conferences, research works, analysis, advisory and consultations and collecting funds for the implementation of the statutory tasks.

§ 5.

The members of the FIRST Network will be:

Civil society organisations and entities active in the field of liberal adult education/lifelong learning.

§ 6.

The office of the FIRST Network will be
localised in the Bielsko-Biała city, Poland.

§ 7.

The Coordinator of the FIRST Network will be
the Foundation of Alternative Educational Initiatives.

§ 8.

The Coordinator closely cooperates and is supported by the Network Council.
The first FIRST Network Council is formed by the five FIRST Network Founding Members, delegating one representative each.

§ 9.

Obligations and responsibilities of the Member Organizations and the rules of operations
of the FIRST Network will be specified in internal Statute of the FIRST Network.



Signatures of the Founding Members

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