

EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

THE LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME 2007-2013

The Decision establishing a new Lifelong Learning Programme, was signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council on 15 November and was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 24 November. It comes into force on 14 December 2006.

The new Lifelong Learning Programme 2007-2013 replaces the existing Socrates, Leonardo da Vinci, and eLearning programmes which expired at the end of 2006.

The Lifelong Learning Programme comprises four sectoral programmes:

- *on school education (Comenius)*
- *higher education (Erasmus)*
- *vocational training (Leonardo da Vinci)*
- *adult education (Grundtvig)*

The Programme is completed by a transversal programme focusing on policy cooperation, languages, information and communication technology and dissemination and exploitation of results. A *Jean Monnet programme* focuses on European integration and support for certain key institutions and associations active in the field. The programme budget will be **€ 6,970 million** for the total period 2007-2013.

OBJECTIVES

The new programme is aiming to contribute through lifelong learning to the development of the Community as an advanced knowledge society, with sustainable economic development, more and better jobs and greater social cohesion. It is created to foster interaction, cooperation and mobility between education and training systems within the Community.

The targets of four sectoral programmes are following:

- **For Comenius:** *To involve at least three million pupils in joint educational activities, over the period of the programme;*
- **For Erasmus:** *To contribute to the achievement by 2012 of three million individual participants in student mobility under the present programme and its predecessors;*
- **For Leonardo da Vinci:** *To increase placements in enterprises to 80.000 per year by the end of the programme;*
- **For Grundtvig:** *To support the mobility of 7.000 individuals involved in adult education per year, by 2013.*

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