

## Executive Summary

REGIO-LLL started in November 2007 for a period of 3 years. This report provides an update on the progress of the project at mid-term. This document is meant to be read by target audiences who are those of the project: the Regions (regional authorities) and within the Regions the political and administrative decision makers in the areas of lifelong learning, the social partners, the researchers and the field operators.

REGIO-LLL (acronym for 'Regions for Lifelong Learning') aims to strengthen cooperation and transfer of practices between regional governments in the field of lifelong education and training. Embedded in FREREF, REGIO-LLL seeks to initiate cooperation and equip Regions and regional players - researchers, social partners and field operators - so that lifelong learning becomes a reality in practices and in regional policies.

To meet these objectives, REGIO-LLL is developing a series of instruments and processes:

- Workshops-projects (AP) are formalized processes of interregional cooperation on a shared issue. APs approach these issues in a structured manner and for a limited period. They lead to recommendations for actions that may open new prospects for cooperation to the Regions. REGIO-LLL has initiated 3 APs: On the "role of Regions in the mobility of young people in initial vocational training", on the "transition from school to work" and "transition from University to the labour market".
- REGIO-LLL also promotes greater empowerment by the Regions of LLL instruments and tools developed at European level. To this end, the consortium through FREREF leads a policy of collaboration with the European institutions and networks being active in the field.
- Two instruments finally contribute to the achievement of objectives: 1) the setting-up of an interregional platform supporting the development and mainstreaming of projects developed between territories, 2) a system of interregional study visits for LLL professionals. Both devices will be operational by the end of 2010.

REGIO-LLL brings together 17 partners including 10 regional authorities, as well as universities, research organizations and social partners (unions, Consular). Beyond this partnership, several other regions and actors are involved directly or indirectly.

To date, the AP on the role of Regions in the mobility of apprentices, finished since almost a year, has boosted the cooperation and the position of European Regions in this area included the establishment of a dialogue with the European Commission and national agencies, and further actions are now running in other frameworks to keep empowering the regions and bring support to field operators.

REGIO-LLL has also allowed FREREF, as a network of Regions, to better deal with lifelong learning issues at European level by developing collaborations with CEDEFOP and other major networks.

REGIO-LLL runs until the end of 2010. Until then, it will develop the contents of the AP and interregional devices and consolidate the partnerships and the achievements of the project. REGIO-LLL is an open project as the participation and membership of new Regions shows.

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