

# Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

## Face-to-face workshop

Thursday, 08 November 2012, 9:00 – 13:00

Workshop leader: Kirsten Aagaard, National Knowledge Centre for Validation of Prior Learning, Denmark

Expert participating in the workshop: Kees Schuur, independent expert

The objectives of this workshop are to explore and reflect on how to get RPL as an explicit part of the lifelong learning agenda. In the workshop we will discuss the essential elements of RPL and reflect on challenges and focus on what is the next steps to develop a more sustainable practice. This will be a blended session using some on-line materials in real time and face-to-face with an international group of participants, a facilitator and experts in the field.

This workshop gives you the opportunity to:

1. **share experiences** about Recognition of Prior Learning
2. **explore and discuss** your own and general theoretical and practical issues about recognition of prior learning and discuss how to qualify RPL.
3. start **discussions** about how to strengthen practice in the field of RPL.

### PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME:

- 9:00 – 10.00 **Activity 1:** Why is RPL at the Life Long Learning Agenda -  
This activity is intended to explore the reasons why universities become involved in RPL. Key perspectives will be presented by facilitator Kirsten Aagaard and expert Kees Shuur
- 10:00 – 11.00 **Activity 2:** What are the essential elements in RPL. How to get RPL learner centered? How do we set up RPL?
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break
- 11:30 – 12.00 **Activity 3:** Strengths and weaknesses of RPL.  
In this section we explore the strengths and weaknesses of RPL and discuss how to qualify RPL.
- 12:00 – 12:30 **Activity 4:** How to develop and strengthen RPL and make RPL more sustainable?
- 12:30 – 13:00 **Questions and Answers. Final Comments.**

### Participation is free, supported by the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP)<sup>1</sup>

To participate in this event, you only need to fill in the form that you will find in the IMPLEMENT project website: <http://implement.eucen.eu/TrainingEvents> and send it to [implement@eucen.eu](mailto:implement@eucen.eu)

**Registration will close 26 October 2012**

If you are participating and have access to interesting material to enrich the workshop, then please send us the materials and any comments by 15 October. We would welcome:

- ✎ examples of best practice
- ✎ examples of bad practice or things that went wrong
- ✎ critical questions you would like to raise or want us to take into account in our discussion

<sup>1</sup> Participants should cover their own travel and accommodation costs. The European Commission covers the costs of the workshop.