

# Glossary:Grundtvig programme

Statistics Explained

The **Grundtvig programme** is a [European Union \(EU\)](#) education and training programme launched in 2000, aimed at helping adults to improve their knowledge and skills, further their personal development and thus boost their employment prospects. It also helps to tackle problems associated with Europe's ageing population. The programme focuses on the teaching and study needs of people enrolled in adult education and 'alternative' education courses, as well as the organisations delivering these services, the adult education sector.

It funds a range of activities, particularly in support of adult learning staff to travel to other European countries for learning experiences, through exchanges and various other professional experiences. Other examples of large-scale initiatives involve networking and partnerships between organisations in different countries.

Specific objectives are:

- increasing the number of people in adult education to 25 000 by 2013, and improve the quality of their experience, whether at home or abroad;
- improving conditions for mobility so that at least 7 000 people per year by 2013 can benefit from adult education abroad;
- improving the quality and amount of co-operation between adult education organisations;
- developing innovative adult education and management practices, and encourage widespread implementation;
- ensuring that people on the margins of society have access to adult education, especially older people and those who left education without basic qualifications;
- supporting innovative ICT-based educational content, services and practices.

## Further information

- [Bridge-it](#)
- [Commission Decision 1720/2006/EC](#) of 15 November 2006 establishing an action programme in the field of lifelong learning (legal text)
- [European Commission - Education & Training - Grundtvig: practical learning for adults](#)
- [European Commission - Education & Training - The Lifelong Learning Programme: education and training opportunities for all](#)

## Related concepts

- [Erasmus programme](#)
- [Lifelong learning](#)

## Statistical data

- [Adult learning statistics](#)