



**GRUNDTVIG/LEONARDO SMALL COOPERATION PROJECTS
2012 CALL PROJECT OUTLINE FORM**

This form is designed to help you structure your project ideas, so that the National Agency can provide you with feedback in advance of the application deadline. Please do not exceed 3 pages. This form **does not** take the place of the application form.

You should complete this form for guidance on submitting either:

- Grundtvig Partnership application;
- Leonardo Partnership application; or
- Grundtvig Senior Volunteering Project application.

Please be aware that applications for Leonardo Partnerships must clearly be linked to vocational education and training. However all Grundtvig actions are linked to adult education in a broad sense and are not focussed on employability skills.

For further guidance on developing and submitting your project application please refer to:

- The Commission’s *Call documents* for more information about what to include in each section. These will be available on the Commission’s website in the autumn
- Specific guidance notes for the relevant Grundtvig action available at www.grundtvig.org.uk or for the Leonardo Partnership action available at www.leonardo.org.uk

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Official legal status of your organisation¹	Registered charity
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Action you wish to apply for²	Grundtvig Partnership
Proposed project title	Teaching Permaculture in Europe: Sustainable ways of sharing knowledge
How did you hear about the Grundtvig / Leonardo programmes?	From colleagues.

What are the aims and objectives of your project?

Put simply, the aim of the partnership is to build the capacity of permaculture* education in Europe.

The objectives are to build various national permaculture organisations' delivery capacity and

¹ e.g. company limited by guarantee, registered charity, publicly funded local authority, further education institution etc.

² Grundtvig Partnership, Leonardo Partnership or Grundtvig Senior Volunteering Project

develop permaculture teachers' professional skills. The UK & Germany have relatively well established permaculture educational systems and a progressive pedagogical approach. The prospective partners have indicated that sharing these developments would be beneficial for the quality of Permaculture courses in their countries. Meanwhile, the British & German permaculture organisations are keen to learn from the diversity of approaches across Europe. However, there is currently no system of international exchange for permaculture education best practice.

The aims of the Partnership are:

- to improve the professionalism of Permaculture education across Europe
- to support teachers in practicing teaching methods and in enhancing their teaching quality by exchanging about best practice of methods and pedagogy
- to exchange about different curricula and course formats
- to exchange about how to widen the participation to hard-to-reach and disadvantaged learners
- to form a network of European teachers that cooperate in the delivery of Permaculture content to adult learners
- to learn from other organisations' experience concerning educational structures and processes and to mutually support the national organisations to form networks to set up or improve their educational systems and structures
- to enable teachers to visit permaculture projects and see practical solutions in other countries that they can share with their peers and students at home.

* Permaculture is a design system that draws on the principles of natural systems to create efficient, resilient and environmentally sustainable man-made systems. Such systems could include homes, neighbourhoods, entire bio-regions, farms, businesses and more.

What activities will be undertaken?

During the planned mobility meetings, the following activities will take place:

- Best practice & teaching methods exchange
- Sharing Curricula and course formats
- Exploring how to widen participation to disadvantaged and hard-to-reach learners
- Exchange about existing educational structures
- Supporting the formation of national permaculture education networks
- Creating a European network of Permaculture teachers

Which partner(s) will you work with?

The following organisations have expressed an interest in participating:

- Permacultur Institut (Germany)
- Associacao Transicao e Permacultura (Portugal)
- Aardwerk (Netherlands)
- Permakulturakademie im Alpenraum (Austria)
- Cork College of Commerce (Eire)
- Glokala Folk High School (Sweden)
- Permaculture Association (Italy)
- Elävän Kulttuurin Koroinen (Finland)

We have identified potential partners in another 11 countries, but don't expect them all to complete applications.

Who are the project target groups?

The target group of this Partnership are Permaculture organisations and teachers, who deliver Permaculture content in formal, non-formal and informal adult education structures. Also from a mainstream education background who are crossing over into Permaculture.

How will you actively involve staff and learners/trainees?

The emphasis of the partnership will be very firmly on participation and sharing. The programmes for the meetings will contain significant spaces for the participants to set their own agendas, bring their own experience & knowledge.

We will encourage hosting organisations to use their event(s) as an opportunity to practice permaculture design techniques. This will encourage greater involvement on the part of the staff & learners (Permaculture has a very strong ethic of self-reliance and taking personal responsibility), and will create more material for professional exchange about permaculture, E.g. a session on “Here’s how we used permaculture principles to design the event you’re currently attending, and how you could use it in the design of your courses, seminars, conferences etc”.

What are the expected results and impact?

Improved professionalism & practice of existing permaculture teachers

- improved subject knowledge of new permaculture teachers, deepened by visiting projects and seeing practical solutions
- improved confidence & personal sustainability of new permaculture teachers in countries where permaculture is emerging
- sharing of and feedback on latest pedagogical ideas
- Strategies for widening participation exchanged, recorded & published
- Permaculture Design Course Curriculum & course formats recorded & exchanged
- Various national permaculture education organisations’ processes & support mechanisms developed & improved
- enhanced network structure of permaculture education on a European level
- brochure about the various educational structures in Europe prepared and available online
- established pan-european network of teachers to cooperate on the delivery of permaculture to adult learners

Would you like to receive information about the LLP programmes?

- Yes by email
- Yes by post at this address:
- No

Please return completed Project Outline Form by email or post:

E-mail: Grundtvig@uk.ecorys.com or Leonardo@uk.ecorys.com

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