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Grundtvig Accompanying Measures
European high-level Meeting on Skills Anticipation in Adult Learning (EMSAAL)
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Dear Ms Catalin Ghinararu

The International Training Centre of the International Labour Organisation is pleased to cordially introduce you to the European Meeting on Skills Anticipation in Adult Learning (EMSAAL) Initiative. The EMSSAL initiative is an Accompanying Measure of the EU's Grundtvig Program on Adult Learning which will be held at our Training Centre, in Turin Italy.

EMSAAL will create a forum for a targeted group of representatives from EU Member States to exchange knowledge and lessons learnt in the area of anticipating skills needs for adult learning. The main event of EMSAAL is a ***high-level meeting on skills anticipation in adult learning*** that will take place in Turin, Italy, from 12 – 14 September 2012. During the meeting current practices, institutional set-ups and existing concerns that may exist across EU Member States (in relation to skills anticipation in adult learning) will be discussed, to identify innovative solutions for maintaining up to date adult learning programmes. Attached, you will find a description of EMSAAL which will give you further information on the topics and structure of this initiative.

We would appreciate your expertise and your kind collaboration as a ReferNet Coordinator in helping us to identify relevant institutions in your country that we could invite to participate in this high-level-meeting.

Institutions we would like to target for this meeting would be:

- Your country's main authority or institution(s) responsible for the planning and implementation of adult learning;
- Institutions involved in labour market analysis and skills anticipation, such as labour market observatories, statistical agencies, etc. particularly those carrying out analysis related to adult learning;
- Any other relevant institution that you would recommend us to contact with respect to this initiative (e.g. workers and employers organizations, sectoral associations, certification authorities, etc.).

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If your own institution falls into the above mentioned category or if you are interested in participating in this event, we would be happy to receive your expression of interest with the nomination details of a representative to be invited.

EMSAAL will fully finance travel and accommodation¹ for up to three representatives per country. Additional interested members of the public may participate in the event, provided they cover the cost of travel and accommodation themselves.

To ensure that your country will have at least one representative at this EU event your kind feed-back would be greatly appreciated at your earliest convenience. Please send your nominations to emsaal@itcilo.org.

In addition, we invite you to visit our virtual knowledge sharing platform, which will facilitate exchange of information and a “mapping” of national experiences prior to the event: <http://emsaal.itcilo.org/>.

As this is an inclusive event where contributions and feedback from participants is interested parties is encouraged, any relevant research, reports or documentation on skills anticipation and updating of adult learning programmes specific to your country that you would like to share with us, is always welcome. Please send it to emsaal@itcilo.org or to: emsaalshare@itcilo.org.

We are looking forward to receiving your recommendations and are at your disposal anytime for further information.

Best regards,



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¹ All logistic arrangements will be managed by the ITC-ILO according to the EC-LLP-Grundtvig AM financial rules.