

Adult Education Institution Dante
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Please briefly present the organisation (e.g. its type, scope of work, areas of activity and if applicable, approximate number of paid/unpaid staff, learners) (4000 chars)

The Adult Education Institution Dante is a modern and efficient institution that has been carrying out adult education programmes in Rijeka, Croatia, for over 30 years. Dante attracts numerous generations of adult learners by offering quality educational formal and non-formal programmes and courses (focusing on foreign language learning, vocational programmes, intercultural communication, basic skills, teaching methods and approaches, transferable skills, and entrepreneurship) that respond to the needs of modern society and contribute to the development of adult education at the local, regional, and European level.

Dante's career centre offers career counselling services to people who are at key milestones in their educational or career path. For more than 30 years, we have been engaged in adult education and we have been following changes in the labour market, and we have recognized the need to develop a career counselling program for all those seeking guidance.

The Institution closely cooperates with state institutions – the Ministry of Science and Education, the Agency for Vocational Education and Training and Adult Education, and the Croatian Agency for Mobility and European Projects. In addition to national cooperation, Dante has considerable experience in international cooperation and partnerships, having participated in the Lifelong Learning Programme, Erasmus+ (KA1, KA2, KA3, Forward-looking Projects), CERV, and the European Social Fund. It has also been awarded the 2020 Erasmus accreditation in the field of adult education for the period 2021-2027.

Dante is a European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA) member and has hosted and organized numerous international meetings, training events, and conferences related to adult education. In particular, Dante has hosted conferences partially funded by the Central European Initiative (CEI) action plan and focused on key issues related to adult education in Croatia (Adult Education and the Labour Market, Developing and Understanding the Professional Identity of Adult Educators) as well as the 2018 ESREA conference on 2030 education goals and adult learning. In 2021, Dante held an international conference on the past, emerging and future trends and issues in adult education titled Adult Education in the 21st Century – Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed.

Dante is a member of several European networks of professionals and organisations (Let Her In, New Ideas for New Opportunities) whose aim is to eliminate the obstacles that adults and educators face as well as contribute to sustainable adult education and learning, vocational and work-based learning. Development And Networking for a Training Evolution is a newly founded network by Dante, whose aim is to strengthen the capacity of stakeholders in the education system at the national and international levels, and consequently, improve and establish quality systems within the entire education sector.

What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this project? What are the skills and/or expertise of key persons involved in this project? (4000 chars)

The Institution's extensive experience in European projects and general contribution to the improvement of the educational offer and life in the local community are relevant to the application.

Dante has carried out a series of European projects (Lifelong Learning Programme, Erasmus+ Programme, CERV Programme, and European Social Fund) and participated in professional

trainings all around the EU. Dante has also hosted international meetings, organised professional trainings and conferences, and coordinated educational partnerships.

Dante's EU project team members have extensive experience in:

- adult education methodology
- foreign language learning and teaching
- developing basic and key competences (digital, transferable, entrepreneurial, intercultural, financial)
- working with different groups of adults (NEETs, seniors, migrants and asylum seekers, SEND learners)
- developing interactive online teaching materials
- using alternative approaches to teaching
- developing, implementing, and evaluating new curricula and education programmes
- organising professional training events and training adult education professionals
- project management and implementation

The Institution also tries to help disadvantaged and marginalised groups by creating and carrying out courses and projects aimed at their integration and active involvement in the local community or the job market. Dante strives to improve the quality of the educational offer on the regional, national, and international level, thereby increasing the number of young people and adults who have relevant skills for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship.

The Institution's Department for International Cooperation and EU Programmes comprises the following members, all of whom have considerable experience in international cooperation:

Andrej Marušić – Institution's principal, has 16 years of organisational and managerial experience, organised numerous international mobilities and professional trainings, a licensed Curriculum Globale trainer of adult educators. Member of the National Council for Development of Human Potential and a member of the National Council for the Development of a QA System in Adult Education.

Petra Katana – project manager at the Institution, Institution's financial and administration manager with more than 13 years of managerial and organisational experience, experience in carrying out international mobilities and professional trainings, Erasmus+ KA1 project manager, and coordinator of KA2 Erasmus+ projects.

Ivone Mataija – has an MA in English language and Literature as well as an MA in Pedagogy. Has experience in teaching adults. Organizes mobilities, workshops, and teacher training workshops translates and develops new curricula at the Institution.

Antonela Marjanušić – English language teacher, translator, and project manager at the Institution. Has experience in creating new teaching curricula and materials, as well as creating and implementing teacher training workshops on interactive methods in adult education and the innovative use of ICT tools in teaching.