1. Basic data of programme under which the project is funded

1.1. Name of programme: Programme for Lifelong Learning: Grundtvig/Multilateral Projects;

1.2. Funding sources: European Commission through EACEA (Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency)

1.3. Dead line for submission of proposal: 26 February 2010

1.4. Start of project: October 1st 2010

1.5. Duration of project: 24 months

2. Basic information to the project:

2.1. General background:

The development of key competences for individuals together with the need of being involved in the Community Life is one of the most important topics at European level.

On 22 May 2001, the World Health Organization elaborated an innovative and multidisciplinary way of classify the disability: the ICF International of Functioning Disability and Health. Thanks to this new classification the disability is described as human experience and the concept of Handicap became is getting more and more obsolete. The ICF wants to describe the people state of health according to their social, familiar, working commitment in order to understand which difficulties in the socio-cultural background may be the cause of disability.

The ICF Methodology doesn’t want to describe the “disturb” or “to stress” the disability or disease but to underline their behave and resources in dealing positively during their daily routine. Through the analysis of the different life dimensions, it is possible to observe as people live with their patology and, mainly, to how to improve their quality of life. This concept is very important in the European Year dedicated to Combat Poverty and Social Exclusion.

This methodology has given an important input the Quality of life definition. Some other researches has focused and develop the importance of having a sustainable quality of life as opportunity to participate actively to the life of the Community to feel themselves citizens of Europe able to be committed to social and political life and to be inserted in the labour of market.

The ICF gives the guidelines to face the disability in an innovative way but it is still necessary to develop and experiment tools, methodologies that apply and disseminate this concept linked to the long life learning opportunities. In fact, thanks to the training of professional and disableds we can support this process to enable and develop a new concept of life.

It is also important to use tools capable to involve families and professional educator working in the field of disability to support the mental disableds person to have a better quality of life and develop the concept of Active Citizenship.

2.2. Content and main activities of the project:
In front of this considerations the D-ACTIVE project will design 2 courses especially designed for professional, educators people working in the field of disabilities in order to support disableds in promoting their Active Citizenship and to become much more aware of the opportunities of being European citizens and contribute to better up their quality of life.

The activities foreseen are:

- **State of the Art Report** from all partner countries about their national situation concerning how the different countries deals with mental disableds, which kind of opportunities are at disposal to promote a better quality of life, and what kind of methodology are most common to foster their job integration.
  - Analysis of key factors in the frame of ICF, necessary to promote the concept of Quality of life, to promote and support the involvement in the society of mental disableds in order to design a training course which will take all these factors into account.
  - Elaboration of 2 pilot courses: the first will be addressed to educators and professional working in this field to supply competences to make aware disableds of their Active Citizenship and to improve their Life Quality Standards. The reference will be the ICF methodology connected to the key factors necessary to train this target efficiently; the second will be addressed to mental disableds to support them in developing the concept and the actions to promote Active Citizenship at National and European level.
  - Strategy Paper based on the ICF methodology to improve the Quality of Life.
  - Conference and workshops at national level to present the results of the products especially focussing the training course to disseminate the ICF methodology in the school systems.

### 2.3. Main target groups of the project:

- Educators and professional in the field of disability
- Training centres, associations, centre, etc. specialized in the training of mental disableds
- Associations and organisations interested in co-operation with senior citizens
- Associations and organisation interested in the promotion of the concept of EU citizenship for all citizen in the year of the Social exclusion
- Disableds and their families
- Relevant stakeholder (e.g. EU and bodies representing it on local, regional and national level)

### 3. Partnership:

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