



European Kitemark

**An on-line self- and peer-assessment system
for (continuous) organizational benchmarking and improvement
of second chance education providers**



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DISCO – Digital Second Chance Opportunities

PROJECT RESULTS

- ✓ An online grading system for good practices in second chance education *to prosper European exchange of the best tools, methods and curricula*
- ✓ **European Kitemark - an online assessment tool for (continuous) organizational benchmarking and improvement of second chance education providers**
- ✓ A tailor-made e-portfolio tool to validate (international) placements in second chance education
- ✓ An user driven and demand led European community of teachers and trainers to share and create a European area of second chance education
- ✓ A training database for continuous education for teachers/trainers to prosper competence development, increasing knowledge and sharing of ideas
- ✓ A self-assessment tool for teachers/trainers in second chance education for personal reflection and professional development

DISCO – Digital Second Chance Opportunities

A European wide online platform **for second chance education** built as **knowledge and quality centre**.

The developed tools create the opportunity to think and act borderless in European second chance education.

The centre will upgrade national developments to a European, transversal, setting:

- ✓ *further education of teachers*
 - ✓ **qualitative benchmarking of schools**
 - ✓ *tools for working with beneficiaries*
 - ✓ *validation international placements*
- are at the heart of the centre.

The European Learning Platform for Teachers



www.secondchanceeducation.eu

European Kitemark – what is it about?

RATIONALE

A lot of organisations across Europe working with disadvantaged target groups have to increase their settings especially if they have to deal with migration and immigration situations. They work on developing people's skills, knowledge and competences, to finally help them to be able to leave and work in another country and to be socially and economically included.

A lot of organisations working with those people are new themselves to this situation. They do not necessarily have the framework or the structure that ensure their sustainability. They **need the support in terms of some quality assurance through self evaluation / self assessment.**

In most western European countries, there are rigorous evaluation systems, but we believe we should go for improvement by looking at what we do and what we have already done through the self assessment approach. If we reach our objectives that is great. However we may find there is something we need to plan, move on or improve in the near future.

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OUTCOMES

The organizational basis should be enough sustainable (in terms of network and resources) to professionals working with disadvantaged target groups continuously to improve their work and to experiment with different methods.

The aim of the DISCO European Kitemark is to improve the situation.

The tool should support you in identifying:

- ✓ areas within your organisation where you have good practice (strengths)
- ✓ areas which need improvement and/or further development (weaknesses).

It should also help you to invest in the possible weaknesses and to experiment with innovative and distinctive methods.

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MAIN BENEFITS

ORGANISATIONS	TEACHERS	LEARNERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Free, on-line support in terms of quality assurance/control through self monitoring ✓ Innovative and user friendly assessment tool for organizational benchmarking and improvement ✓ Set of criterias, indicators and benchmarks that measures development of organisation, staff and learners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Possibility to share good practices ✓ Possibility to pick up good practices from the tool ✓ New methods of work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ More efficient services focused on improving learners skills, knowledge and competences ✓ Methods and evidences of measuring the development of learners ✓ Better chances for social and economical inclusion

Join us...

- ✓ Do you work in the field of second chance education?
- ✓ Do you feel a need for improving the quality of your organization?
- ✓ Do you believe that self-assessment can be useful in improving the quality and - as a result - to help NEET* young people to get back into education, employment, and safe living conditions?

* *NEET – not in education, employment and training*

Testing of our European Kitemark - Who, How, When?

Testing phase:

between Oct. 2015-Jan. 2016

We invite to join the test at
least 5 **organisations working
in second chance education**

How to test our system?

- Through the DISCO website

There are tips in our:

- Guidelines
- Selected example template

Short feedback will be very much appreciated!

Questions - Comments - Discussion

Thank you
for your attention

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