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## Newsletter

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***Eur-Alpha congress, Bonn***

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The Eur-Alpha network aims to support and develop best quality practices in adult literacy and numeracy in Europe. It was founded in 2009 and currently counts 16 full members coming from 12 different countries.

- Eur-Alpha works with the **trainers** to develop and exchange educational practices facilitating learners self-determination, citizenship and participation.
  - Through a scientific Committee that collects, develops and disseminates practices meeting those goals of self-determination, voicing of opinion and participation of the learners;
  - Through workshops where the trainers meet each other and test pedagogical practices.
- Eur-Alpha works with the **learners** to support their voicing of opinions and participation.
  - Through a scientific Committee where they discuss their needs, their claims and write a Charter for literacy;
  - Through workshops where they meet, exchange experiences and discuss their role as citizens at the national and European levels.

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## Eur-Alpha News

### *Eur-Alpha congress in Bonn: register now!*



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On the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012, the Eur-Alpha Network will present its findings from three years work. Representatives of the Eur-Alpha **learners' committee** will present recommendations from *The European Manifesto of literacy learners* which they developed themselves. **The tutors** will also present a *Charter for tutors' training* and the good practices that result from it.

Join us in Bonn to hear and make heard the needs and demands of the adult literacy sector! The registration form could be downloaded on our website. Register before the 2<sup>nd</sup> July!

Programme and registration:  
[eur-alpha.eu/spip.php?article169](http://eur-alpha.eu/spip.php?article169)

## News from the partners

### *New documentary fund – VA Savoirs (France)*



Solidarité migrations © VA Savoirs

The association “**VA Savoirs**” with the collaboration of **FASTI** from France, have created a library collection that targets stakeholders involved in the linguistic training of migrants in Paris.

The collection “Solidarité migrations”, inaugurated at the beginning of May, counts more than 2,000 documents and pedagogical tools to be consulted on the spot. The centre is also a place to exchange and meet other tutors, researchers or volunteers in the field.

### *Commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UIL*

The UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, UIL, celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 24<sup>th</sup>–25<sup>th</sup> May in Hamburg. Two official receptions, a public conference and an international seminar were on the agenda. The anniversary celebration highlighted 6 decades of work in support of adult education and adult literacy in all world regions.

For more information:

[tinyurl.com/unesco60](http://tinyurl.com/unesco60)



UIL © Unesco

## As for Europe

### ***The Grundtvig award for adult learning – EAEA***

Every year, EAEA (*European Association for the Education of Adults*) gives the Grundtvig award to the best innovative project in adults education sector. Due to the fact that 2012 is the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations, EAEA highlight the projects involving adults. In the European category, the prizewinner it's *Moving stories and generations* project of Crosstalk. After a training in new technologies, the youngest ones and the less younger ones exchanged their hobbies and their favourite places in the city. As results of the project there is an audio-guide ; an interactive map on the Internet and really fulfilling meetings.



*European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations © UE*

In the out of Europe category, the award was given to *Potters Wheel* (Tajikistan) which is a project made to facilitate the meeting between generations and rediscovering the traditional pottery. Apart from different courses, the pottery workshop is a place to socialization and to be more confident. All the products made are frequently sold so that the workshop can be self-sufficient and even obtain incomes for the participants.

For more information, visit:

EAEA award: [eaea.org/index.php?k=118378](http://eaea.org/index.php?k=118378)

European category: [eaea.org/index.php?k=118513](http://eaea.org/index.php?k=118513)

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