

**Welcome** to AESD Călărași - Association for Education and Sustainable Development was founded in 2007 February, registration number 4/AS/2007.

**The goal** of the Association is to promote lifelong learning in society in order to facilitate the development of an active citizenship, social cohesion and employment.

Association for Education and Sustainable Development (AESD) is an educational centre whose main activities are delivering formal and informal adult education, building an organized system of consulting, information and training with a lifelong duration. One of the activities of the association is to analyse the needs of the region and to make a network of local centres of distance learning (education), easily accessed by the unfavoured zones.

The SWOT analysis of the Regional Development Agency No.3 South Muntenia pointed out that there isn't any concordance between the educational offer of the schools and the requests of the labour market. The Association tries to be complementary to the educational network that already exists and to offer more flexibility for the lifelong learning of adults. One of the goals of the Association is to give to marginalized adults (unemployed, ethnic groups) an access to lifelong learning and to current job experience in order to be able to obtain (fixed) employment in the long term. For example, the learners will be prepared for identification of local market opportunities in order to create and develop self business ideas, also to promote active involvement in community affairs. Special emphasis is given to the improvement of social competence and learning on demand.

Our association maintains the connection with the local authorities to know the perspective of regional development and we think that adult education strategy must be made at this level.

By participating in European projects, the Association aims to improve its informing and training ability upon the public opinion concerning the "lifelong learning" concept. The Association would care to support the local authorities in making all Calarasi county citizens become aware that, in the kind of society we are heading to, a lifelong learning concept may become the very engine of local and regional regeneration. Providing the authorities in charge with the matter are going to appreciate the final outcomes of these projects, an increased area of implementation might be considered.

## **Departments**

1. Department "Lifelong Learning and Modern Didactics"

2. Department "Arts, Trades and Technologies"
3. Department "Youth"
4. Department "Ecology and environment protection"
5. Department "Career Guidance, Professional Development and Training"
6. Department "Health, social assistance and social recovery"
7. Department "Human rights and active citizenship"