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# ABOUT NON-FOR-LESL HISTORY

"If it weren't for the afternoon lessons of computing, guitar and my work at the local youth center to earn some money for the summer camp, I would believe that I am a loser, a school failure and I would drop out of school at the age of 14. I am not doing well in school... but I am not lazy and I am not stupid. Achieving a grade 6 in guitar and getting my ICT diploma should it not count towards my school assessment?"

### **RESEARCH**

Research has shown that early school leaving (ESL) is a complex phenomenon which can cause serious consequences on the students and their families, as well as on society and the economy as a whole. ESL is a process rather than a one-off event that often starts in primary school with first experiences of school failure and growing alienation from school.

# ABOUT NON-FOR-LESL AIMS

The NON-FOR-LESL project aims to address the challenge of ESL at the stage of school level-intervention and to contribute to the efforts of EU countries to meet the headline target set in the EU 2020 Strategy by reducing ESL to less than 10%.

The NON-FOR-LESL project aims to develop and pilot-test, a new innovative multidimensional method OFR an validation tool which will be used additionally to the assessment procedures. The OER will be based on a holistic view of students' learning, drawn away from subject boundaries and will present and validate skills. knowledge and competences acquired through non-formal and informal learning related to the key competences and transversal skills as described by the EU and in accordance with the EQF.

### ABOUT NON-FOR-LESL RESULTS

The plan and organization of the project reflects a research cycle procedure with interrelated stages leading to the production of 6 main Intellectual Outputs in sequential order:

- (1) a Comparative Study Analysis in which the issues under investigation will be analyzed and participants views collected through the use of questionnaires will be discussed;
- (2) a framework and an award system for the validation of non-formal/informal learning within school based on the key competences and transversal skills as described by the EU, and the rules set by the EQF;
- (3) the NON-FOR-LESL OER validation tool;
- (4) an "Information Pack" with a Step-by-step Guide and a training course for the successful implementation of the tool in schools;
- (5) an implementation report in the form of case-study portfolio and
- (6) finally an overall evaluation report with a strategy for exploitation at the national level.