



LLL Platform

Who we are and what we do?

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About the Lifelong Learning Platform

▼ A unique organisation in Europe

- Umbrella association
- 39 European organisations
- 50 000 educational institutions/associations
- All sectors / actors represented:



A unique European platform on Lifelong Learning

Since 2006!



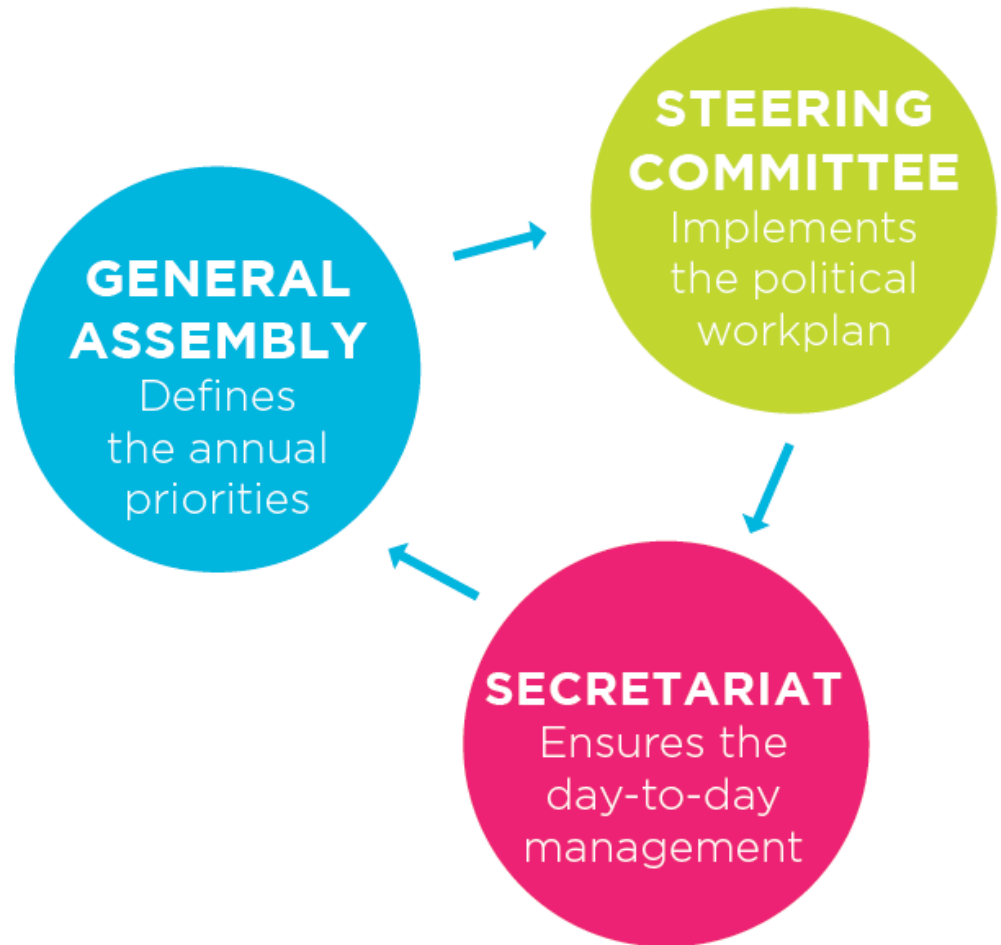
39 European organisations working in education & training... 50 000 institutions



Who are we?

Who we are...

Organisation





Who we are...

▼ WHY such a platform?

2000': Open Method of Coordination in Education (ET2010)
– new Lisbon strategy

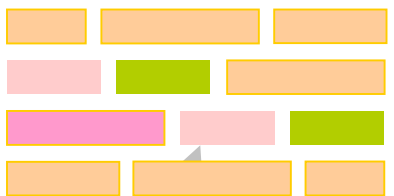
Communication “Making a European area of Lifelong Learning a reality” (2001) & Memorandum on LLL (2002)

“All learning activity undertaken throughout life, with the aim of improving knowledge, skills and competencies within a personal, civic, social and/or employment-related perspective.”

Lifelong learning pathway



(Qualification)



Vocational Training



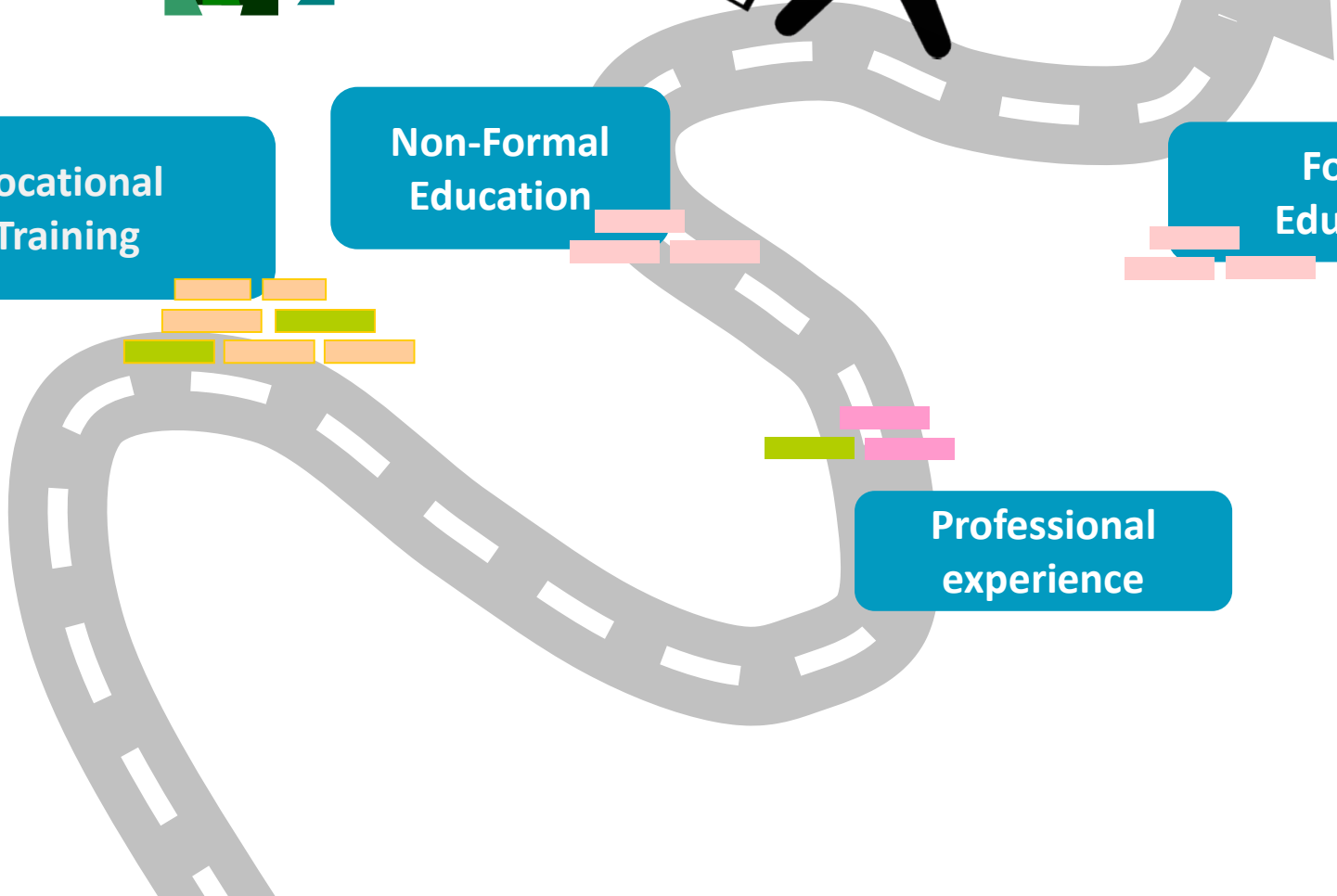
Non-Formal Education



Formal Education



Professional experience



Who we are...

▼ A very relevant concept...

UNESCO publication “Rethinking education: towards a global common good” (2015)

*“The concept (of LLL) is not new,
but it **maintains its prominence** as a means of
systematizing and organizing learning in a comprehensive
and equitable way”*

Who we are...

▼ Defend our VISION in EU debates

Holistic vision of lifelong learning as a continuous process from cradle to the grave...

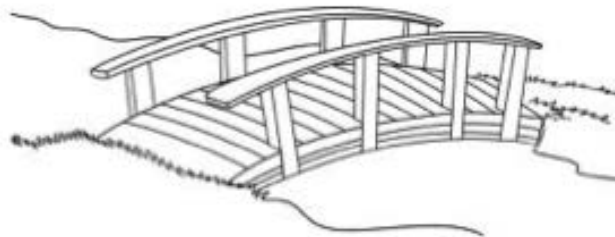
Formal, non-formal and informal learning...

Comprehensive approach: employment, social and civic participation

Who we are...

▼ AIM: create bridges

- Between actors and sectors: partnerships
- Promoting the recognition and validation of NFIL
- Fostering a dialogue between the EU & organised civil society



Who we are...

OBJECTIVES

- Promote a more democratic, civic and social Europe
- Pursue an active dialogue with EU institutions
- Enable exchanges of best practices & expertise
- Disseminate information
- Organise events and develop activities



How do we do that?

What we do...

Information centre

- Bi-monthly newsletter
- Reports, publications, LLL-Mag
- Reference website (www.eucis-lll.eu)

And for our members:

- Infonotes (on legislative processes...)
- Email alerts (calls, legislation...)
- Counseling on EU affairs (who's who...)

What we do...

Discussion forum

Events:

- Lifelong Learning Week
- Policy debates
- Annual LLL Conference

Working Groups:



What we do...

▼ Advocacy

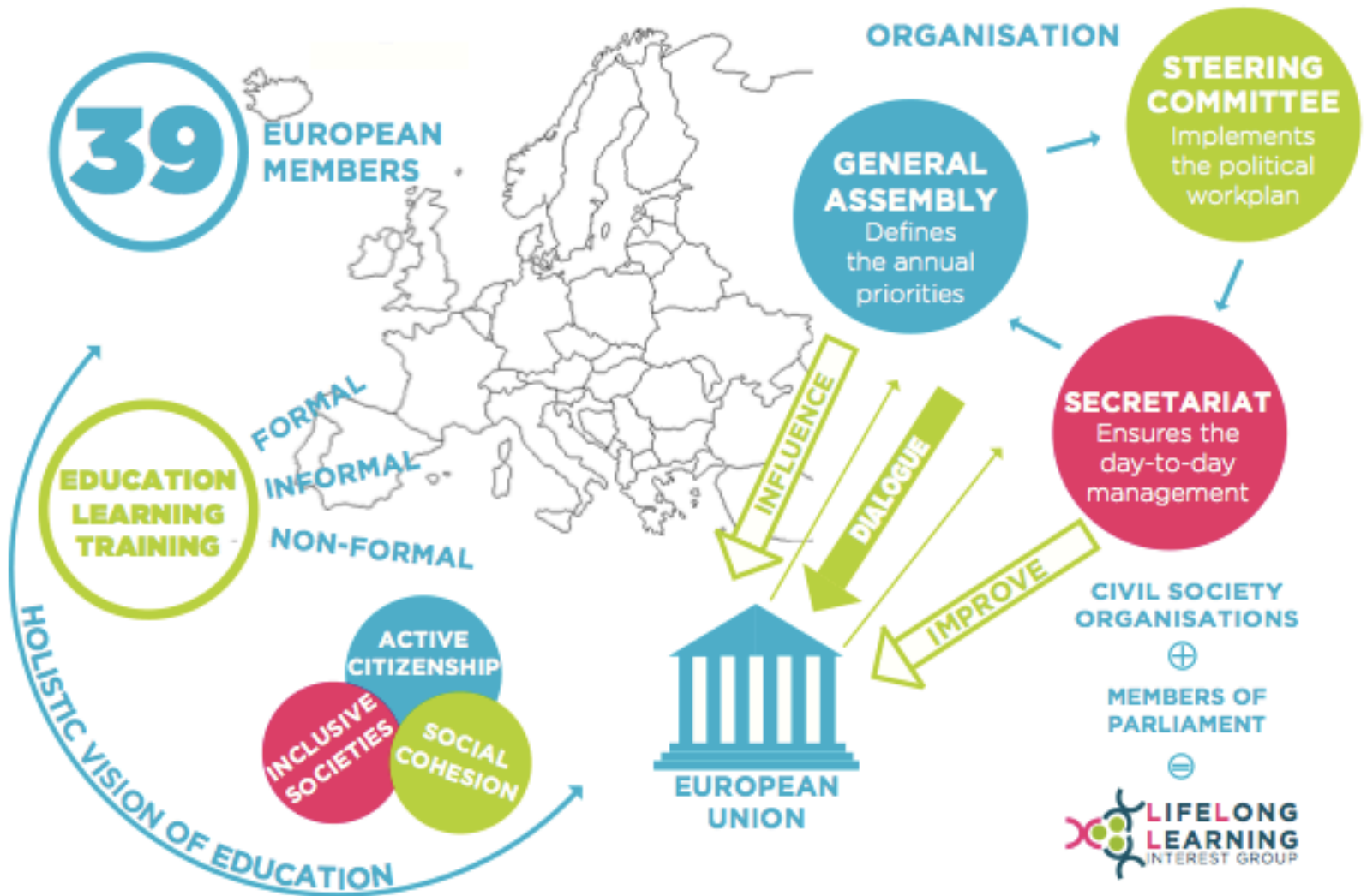
- Policy papers, amendments to EP opinions...
- Surveys: annual Erasmus+ implementation survey
- Regular dialogue with the DG EAC & DG EMPL
- Participation in EU expert groups (i.e. EQF AG)
- Initiator of the LLL Interest Group in the EP
- Member of the EESC Liaison Group with OSCs
- Member of main Civil Society Alliances (CSE...)

What we do...

▼ Projects



Building the future of education!



The case of VNIL

One example: validation of NFIL

Information sharing and resources

- Sharing information via the newsletter
- Information notes for members (ESCO, EQFs...)
- Publications:
 - LLL-MAG on Validation, 2011
 - Bertelsmann Foundation, 2015



One example: validation of NFIL

Peer learning activities

- Validation task force since 2012
- Partner of EU projects:
 - GR-EAT project on recognition of volunteers, in youth work (2014-2016) – AEGEE
 - LOGIC – implementation of LLL in MED countries (2013-2016)
 - [Building Learning Societies: Promoting Validation of Non-formal and Informal Learning](#) (Nov. 2013-Nov 2014) – SOLIDAR /Ligue de l'enseignement
 - OBSERVAL project (2008-2010) - EUCEN

One example: validation of NFIL

Advocacy activities

- Position papers, amendments to EP opinions
- Participation in EU expert groups
- Participation in European Parliament, EESC, CoR and EC public hearings and conferences
- Contribution to the CEDEFOP guidelines and inventory
- European Parliament “LLL Interest Group”

Thank you!

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