

## Abstract and keywords

The thesis “European programme Grundtvig as an option of persons’ development in adult education“ is conceived as an analytical insight into lifelong learning and education with an orientation on European education programme Grundtvig. The goal of this thesis is to emphasize a significance of the community programme Grundtvig, which support a new European strategy and to point out another option of adults‘ professional development. This thesis is particularly addressed to a lifelong learning progress in last years and described particular education activities within the frame of Lifelong Learning Programme 2007 – 2013. The main part is focused on the key issues in adult learning. Particularly is focused on current adult education situation in Europe, European Union strategic documents and on success implementation of the lifelong learning concept within particular national politics. At the end are also discussed European structural funds, which represent other possibility of European Union support in terms of adult education. The conclusions can be summarized as follows: although European Union significantly supports particular members in area of adult education, whether by programme Grundtvig or structural funds, there is a strong need to implement, support and propagate the lifelong learning concept under the national politics. Besides that, there is a strong need of more intense financial and motivational support in adult learning and education on national level, namely in formal, non-formal or informal education. Finally, it is very important for European Union members to build a strong culture where the individuals believe in benefits of education and invest into their potential. It is likely, that the current situation in adult education could be improved by more coherent and more frequent use of Grundtvig actions which complement and follow initial and tertiary education system in European Union.

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