About TLN Mobility

The ESF Learning Network on Transnational Mobility Measures for Disadvantaged Youth and Young Adults (TLN Mobility) was set up in February 2013 and comprised ESF Managing Authorities and political administrations from 15 Member States and regions in Europe. Its aim is to integrate disadvantaged young people and young adults into employment, vocational training and education by improving their skills, knowledge and experience through work-related learning experiences abroad. It is led by Germany and funded by the European Commission (until 2015) and national and regional budgets.

Based on the positive results of the German ESF programme “IDA-Integration durch Austausch” (Integration through Exchange) running from 2008-2014, TLN Mobility’s main objective was to prepare and launch a Coordinated Call for transnational mobility measures under the ESF 2014-2020, and to support the implementation of subsequent national and regional calls.

Over the course of 24 months, TLN Mobility developed a Coordinated Call on Transnational Mobility Measures for Disadvantaged Youth and Young Adults defining mandatory common minimum requirements and thus providing a voluntary coordinated framework to facilitate transnational collaboration within the ESF between Member States in this field.

In the Coordinated Call, partners have defined common parameters on the
- target group to be reached through the Call,
- eligibility of costs that arise in the context of mobility exchanges,
- quality of the measures and
- implementation structures on the national and regional levels.

A complementary Manual of Guidance provides background information and examples of successful approaches and specific methods of mobility initiatives from the EU 2007-2013 funding period as well as other mobility programmes. The Manual is to be read alongside the Coordinated Call as it offers further recommendations and guidance for its implementation on national and regional levels.

By April 2017, Basque Country, Catalonia, Czech Republic, Galicia, Germany, Poland, Slovenia, Sweden and Trento have launched national/regional calls on mobility measures for disadvantaged youth and young adults based on the Coordinated Call. Further calls in 2017 are foreseen by Slovenia, Andalucia and Italy.

TLN Mobility also provides support to Member States/regions when launching and implementing their mobility calls based on the Coordinated Call. This includes templates and technical guidance for the drafting stage of the programme, a transnational partner search database as well as partner search/transnational partnership preparation activities for project operators once the calls have been launched, and peer learning between ESF Managing Authorities during the implementation stage.

The Coordinated Call and Manual of Guidance together with support tools and further information on TLN Mobility and its activities are available at the Website: www.tln-mobility.eu

TLN Mobility continues its work incl. regular network meetings and partner search activities after the end of the official funding period by the European Commission with national/regional resources.