

	Recognition of intergenerational volunteering (River project)		
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Target group <input type="radio"/> Teacher / trainer <input checked="" type="radio"/> Counsellor <input type="radio"/> Social worker <input type="radio"/> Youth worker <input checked="" type="radio"/> future employer <input checked="" type="radio"/> other: volunteer	Type of best practice <input type="radio"/> initiative <input type="radio"/> campaign <input checked="" type="radio"/> project <input type="radio"/> website only <input type="radio"/> programme <input type="radio"/> model <input type="radio"/> training <input type="radio"/> learning material <input type="radio"/> other:	Experiences <input checked="" type="radio"/> available for more than 5 years <input type="radio"/> available for less than 5 years <input type="radio"/> pilot phase / testing <input type="radio"/> in development <input type="radio"/> other:	Area <input type="radio"/> political <input type="radio"/> religious <input type="radio"/> socio/cultural <input checked="" type="radio"/> other: professional <hr/>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning tools • A compilation of learning outcomes and competences • A reference system • Procedural descriptions • An improved software for visualizing the development of informal competencies • A certification element making the competence development of volunteers and beneficiaries visible 	
	
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