

GO PRACTICE !!!**Common community target groups and needs for the first action phase****1) Children and young people, in-school and after-school**

- Young unemployed and uneducated
- Drop-outs and abusers
- Professional ICT skills for young people
- Entrepreneurship skills
- Lifestyle disease prevention competences
- Educational innovation

2) Women with children at risk of social and labour market exclusion

- Migrant women
- Pregnancy and mothering period
- Isolated women with children
- Single-parent families
- ICT skills for all
- Entrepreneurship skills
- Lifestyle disease prevention competences

Transversal community *thematics* to be addressed in the first action phase**A) Local lifelong learning cooperation infrastructures****B) European orientation and interaction****C) Community Centres for lifelong learning and empowerment**

The Xploit action phase 1 is expected to be focusing on the target groups needs and transversal thematic above. But, it is not possible to start the action phase by addressing all sorts of topics or groups of citizens. The first action phase is also for the new guides to find their ways in the community, to experiment and to explore opportunities in the community.

The action phase can be described very briefly as:

Linking the needs of the target groups to European and other resources

By doing that, taking steps to establish a new lifelong learning infrastructure in the community

To start this process, a strong focus is needed: focusing on a specific activity or initiative allows a realistic and practicable first step. Such a first step we call a *catalyst*. Through this first step further steps can be unfolded, *catalyzed* by the activities, resources and collaboration established around the first step; precisely the meaning of a *catalyst*.

The communities in Xploit might choose one or two different catalysts, based on their needs, interests and resources. The options are listed below.

The first role of the lifelong learning guides is to facilitate these initial steps.

Ideas for putting the Xploit initiatives into action

⇒ using catalysts

Identifying practical techniques for the action phase, based on the choice of a strong key focus

1. Establishing a community **thematic catalyst** for lifelong learning, around which resources could be mobilized (ex: *lifestyle disease prevention*)
2. Establishing a formal **political infrastructure catalyst** in the community
3. Identification of a **target group catalyst** (ex: *young unemployed and with poor life perspectives*)
4. Establishing or planning a **physical community centre catalyst** for lifelong learning (*symbolizing the community's lifelong learning initiatives*)
5. One or more small learning **laboratory catalysts** of local lifelong learning practice and cooperation (ex: *after-school youth, women with children*)
6. Establishing of an **un-traditional partnership catalyst** for lifelong learning funding (ex: *bank, company*), linked to the community's thematic catalyst, or linked to the establishment of the centre

*The action phases might be organized as an interplay (facilitated by the community's lifelong learning guides) between a local **group of stakeholders** and one of the above listed **action phase catalysts**.*