

Special events of 2015

In 2015 The Department of Educational Sciences of West University of Timisoara and The Romanian Institute for Adult Education (IREA) host two special events: The 4th National Conference on Adult Education and the anniversary of 15 years activity of IREA.

The 4th National Conference on Adult Education was organized in 21-22 of November 2015 by IREA, Educational Sciences Department of West University of Timisoara, National Institute of Educational Sciences, Timisoara Town Hall, National Agency for Community Programs in Education and Vocational Training and Culture House of Timisoara.

The conference was centered on analyzing the National Strategy on Lifelong Learning 2015 -2020, strategy that represents a landmark moment in the construction of the adult education system in Romania.

In the conference were discussed several perspectives on the implementation of the national strategy for lifelong learning, emphasizing in the possible barriers of its implementation and the concrete ways in which stakeholders can contribute to enhancing the participation of the adult population in education and creating a lifelong learning culture.

The event proposed by IREA has brought together representatives of all stakeholders (listed in the strategy as policy makers at the political level, the role of institutions implementing or monitoring) in implementing the strategy.

The topics of discussion and reflection were concentrated around the three strategic pillars and related measures described in the strategy document:

1. Access and incentives for participation
2. Quality and relevance
3. Partnerships for better information

At the same time, a happy coincidence makes the Romanian Institute for Adult Education have celebrated 15 years of activity on this occasion.

The Romanian Institute for Adult Education (IREA) is a research institute in adult education, established in March 2000 as a nonprofit organization, at the initiative of West University of Timisoara (WUT), the Romanian Social Institute Banat - Crisana (ISRBC) and the German Institute for Adult Education (DIE) as founding members.

Through its work IREA aims to conduct research and publications in the field of adult education, providing methodological support for activities in this field, making the link between theory and practice in adult education. By editing scientific publications and organizing adult education events the institute tries to spread nationwide research results. IREA also carries a rich international activity aimed at promoting global adult education in Romania.