Proudly we present the first ADPE newsletter. ADPE is the Alliance for Dropout Prevention in Europe. ADPE is established with the help of the European Union under the Erasmus+ program.

You receive this email as you have previously expressed interest in the ESLPLUS project. ESLPLUS aims to reduce the early school leaving percentages throughout the EU.

ESLplus project supports practitioners and policy makers to reduce early school leaving in Europe. We are keen to let you know that we are making good progress. The ESLPlus project has a two main goals.

1. Start a vibrant ESL prevention Community through the establishment of the Alliance for Dropout Prevention in Europe (ADPE)
2. The delivery of an Early School Leaving (ESL) knowledge portal

**ad1. ESL Community:**
The Alliance for Dropout Prevention in Europe (ADPE) facilitates the sharing of concrete ideas for improving collaboration within, between and beyond schools through social media (virtual) event activities and ultimately aiming to enable all children and young people to succeed in school through social media and (virtual) event activities, ultimately aiming to enable all children and young people to succeed in school. ADPE aims to connect School Heads, Teachers, ESL experts, Policymakers and Families / Parents or care-takers, putting Learners always at the centre.

- Join the ESL Prevention community now:
- You can now start connecting with your ESL peers! Joining ADPE is free of charge. Just register to receive the newsletter and join our LinkedIn and/or Facebook groups.
- Please REGISTER to attend the 1st ESL+ Virtual event (webinar) on April 5th (16:00 CET) where we will inform you about ADPE as well as officially launch the ESLPLUS Portal. Note this webinar will be conducted in English. You can find more information about Webinar agenda and speakers at the bottom of this newsletter.
- Save the date: ESL Prevention Conference 18 October 2018 – Tallinn, Estonia. ADPE will host a 1 day ESL event. More information will be available soon.

Learn more about ADPE and visit the ADPE website [here](#).
ad2. ESLPLUS Portal:

European Learning Space on Early School Leaving:

The Learning Space on ESL is a 4 language (EN, DE, HU, RO) portal officially published in April. Presently you can visit its planned pages, some functions and a first portion of its planned content. The learning space will offer a wealth of high quality content and expertise that has been accumulated on early school leaving at the international, national, local, and institutional levels. The linked and interactive functions will support a deeper understanding of the broader context of the problem. Advanced users can share their knowledge, experience and join the professional network community.

The offered resources:

- **Good practice repository** - A structured database of good practices to identify and manage students at risk. Visitors can download good practices and share their own.

- **ESL-library** – A structured database of ESL related documents such as international and national policy papers, research papers, presentations, etc.

- **Glossary** – A collection of definitions and background information on ESL that is linked to professional materials.

- **My stories** – Short videos about colourful and true stories of students and teachers to bring the problem closer and prepare emotionally for exploring real solutions.

- **Interactive statistics** – A structured and comparable ESL-related country data collection with an interactive visualization for researchers and policy makers.

- **Network** – you can join ADPE of course through the European Learning Space on Early School Leaving as well.

Join the learning space:

We invite experts and professionals to join us and build the learning space together. If you are interested please contact us by e-mail: eslplus@tpf.hu.
The webinar

You are invited to join us in a Zoom webinar. When: Apr 5, 2018 4:00 PM Amsterdam
Topic: Early School Leaving Virtual Event

Please register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/ WN_CNprvJ7BRPC_ZZz_gXZoxg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Webinar Speakers:

Chris Harrison.

Peter de Zoete (Education Consultant @ESHA.org)

Peter is your webinar host for today. He worked for Microsoft (Amsterdam, London, Hong Kong and Seattle), Adform, TMG and various start-ups. He recently made a career change and became active in the education business. Peter studied at Amsterdam Academy of Sports and finished a Master C.O.M at the VU. Peter recently started Education Science at the University of Amsterdam.

Ton Duif (Education Consultant ESHA and ESHA Past President)

Ton is an education consultant. He served 20 years as President of the Dutch Principal Association AVS, worked for 15 years in ESHA and 7 years as ESHA president. Ton is involved in several Erasmus+ programmes. He is decorated with the Kings medal "Officier in de Orde van Oranje Nassau" for his National and International work in Education.
Csilla SZABO

Csilla has been the project manager of ESLPLus project from its beginning. She has more than 10 year long experience in European education programme coordination; beside she is experienced as well in the European education policy. She has finished her studies at the Budapest Business School – University of Applied Sciences as economist and at Corvinus University of Budapest as master of international relations. She carried out business studies as scholarship student at the Hogeschool Brabant in Breda, the Netherlands and studied political sciences at University of Bologna in Italia. Her major studying areas are intercultural dialogue and social diversity.

We look forward to connect with you soon,

Ton Duif (President Supervisory board of ADPE.) and Peter de Zoete (president of ADPE)