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Online learning for adults

the adult education policy perspective...

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Content

- ▶ How does the AL learn?
- ▶ Strengths of distance learning / blended learning
- ▶ Focus on CAE and CABE: policy measures
- ▶ No miracle solution
- ▶ 2 concrete cases
- ▶ A glance at the near future

How does the AL learn?



We are all different. There is no such thing as a standard or run-of-the-mill human being, but we share the same human spirit.

Stephen Hawking

quote fancy

TAILOR-MADE

Every day learning

CABE

Classical learning

Simulated

learning environments

CAE

VDAB

Integration courses

Work-based learning

Apprenticeships

Socio-cultural courses

Entrepreneurial
courses

On-the-job training

Online learning

Group-projects

Educational games



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Distance learning? Blended learning?



“The term open and distance learning reflects both the fact that all or most of the teaching is conducted by someone removed in time and space from the learner, and that the mission aims to include greater dimensions of openness and flexibility, whether in terms of access, curriculum or other elements of structure.” (Unesco, 2002)



Blended learning: alternation between distance learning and classical lessons



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Strengths

- ▶ High level of autonomy – the learner in the driver's seat
- ▶ Strengthen the learning process
- ▶ Very realistic/functional content
- ▶ Interactivity - immediate feedback possibility
- ▶ Opens access to learning for certain isolated target groups

Focus

- ▶ 370.000 adult learners every year
→ 80.000 learners in basic skills programmes
- ▶ EQF level 2 – 5*
- ▶ VET, languages, IT-programmes



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Policy measures

Parliamentary Act on Adult Education of 2007: °financial incentive for **blended learning** (art. 28)

→ 120% financial incentive for modules > 25%

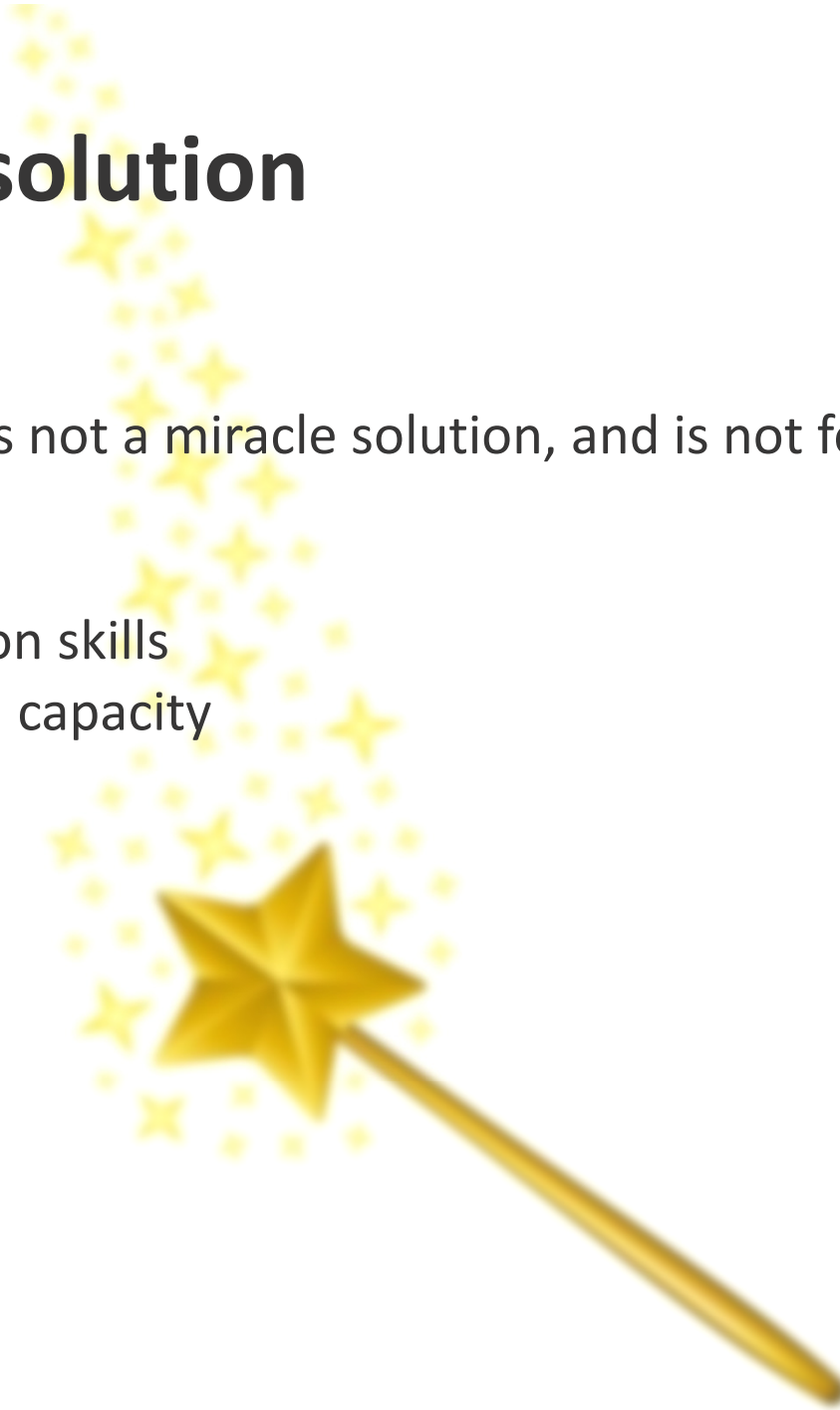
→ 200.000 € for bigger projects

=> 2017: **52.835** AL in blended modules (>25%) in CAE and CABE

No miracle solution

Online learning is not a miracle solution, and is not for everyone - requires

- IT skills
- communication skills
- self-reflection capacity
- study skills
- discipline and
- guidance



2 concrete cases...

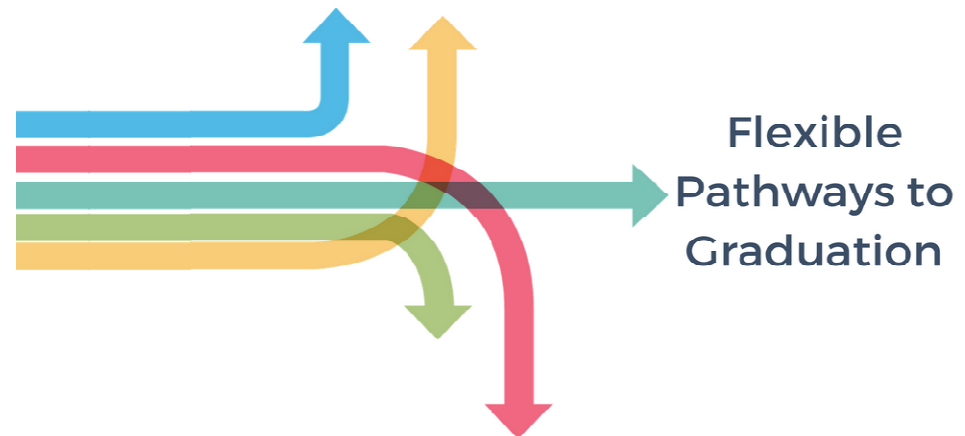


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A glance at the near future

- ▶ 120% financial incentive for modules > 25%
=> ends sept. 2019
- ▶ 200.000 € for bigger projects... option to expand and open up towards all innovative methodologies.



Thank you!

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