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POSTER

TITLE	Collaboration between researchers and practitioners in University lifelong learning
ABSTRACT	<p>The aim of the project was to explore and analyse ways in which practitioners and researchers cooperate in the area of University Lifelong learning. The project collected 45 case studies from 14 different countries across Europe in the period 2011 to 2013. These case studies describe and analyse concrete examples of cooperation aiming at transferring research results to professional practice on the one hand, and at initiating practitioner-based research on the other.</p> <p>The project highlights concepts underlying the cultures of research and learning, as well as incentives, obstacles and constraints to the mutual exchange between research and practice actors, using SWOT, Mapping and Network analyses.</p> <p>The poster sums up main results of the project.</p>
KEY WORDS	Cooperation between research and practice, University Lifelong Learning, European project
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SHORT BIOGRAPHY FROM EACH AUTHOR	<p>Rob Mark is currently Head of the Centre for Lifelong Learning at the University of Strathclyde, a position he has held since 2010.</p> <p>He is currently a Vice- Chair of the UK University Association of Lifelong Learning http://www.uall.ac.uk/ and has served as Membership Secretary to the UK Standing Conference on University Teaching and Research in the Education of Adults. (SCUTREA) http://www.scutrea.ac.uk/. In the UK, he has also been appointed to a range of other bodies such as Open College Network, and the Colleges Further Education Governing Body sector in Northern Ireland. He is also currently Editor of the Adult Learner Journal, published by the Adult and Community Learning Association of Ireland (AONTAS), http://www.aontas.com/pubsandlinks/theadultlearner.html</p> <p>He has contributed to a number of European projects and coordinated 2 projects – Increasing Adult Education in European Universities (ALPINE- 2001-2004) involving 34 partners from 20 countries www.qub.ac.uk/alpine and Literacy & Equality in Irish Society (LEIS - 2006-2008) www.leis.ac.uk .</p> <p>He served for four years as a member of the Steering Committee of the European University Continuing Education Network (EUCEN 2006-2010).</p> <p>He is currently a member of an Australasian-European University partnership to promote learning in later life and is a Visiting Scholar at the University of Ballarat, Victoria, Australia. (From 2008). He is currently working as co-editor of an international publication on older men’s learning for the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (publication 2014).</p> <p>Prior to joining Strathclyde he held positions as Director of Education and Director of Research at the School of Education, Queen’s University Belfast, where he also coordinated Access to the university’s Higher Education Programmes. He has taught on a wide range of programmes including adult teacher programmes and supervises students following doctoral studies.</p> <p>He has worked in the schools sector, further and higher education and in the community and voluntary sector.</p>