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The Story behind the VPL Biennale

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The VPL Biennale

- **A two yearly event on development and implementation of VPL**
- **1st VPL Biennale in 2014, Rotterdam, NL**
- **2nd VPL Biennale in 2017, Aarhus, DK**
- **3rd VPL Biennale 2018/19 –**

Why the VPL Biennale?

- **General observation:** wherever VPL is used, it's always complex and difficult but when implemented properly it has positive impact on all 'players in the game of lifelong learning'
- **Mission:** to improve and strengthen the opportunity for validation of prior learning as a learner-steered strategy for reaching out to a qualification, certificate, employability, empowerment, inclusion and 'enjoyability'
- **Focus:** VPL is more and more embedded in the primary processes of learning, working and social participation.
- **Objective:** creating and strengthening shared ownership of people and organisations in the practice of 'lifelong learning for all'

What is validation

- Recognition and valuation of non-formal, informal and formal learning: a holistic perspective
- Now: moving from policy and research to practice
- Linking individual potential and ‘the learning society’
- VPL = learning !!!!
- It’s about **me**: integration of my past, present and future in the collective of society

VPL needs in practice

- Individual ownership of learning
- Dialogue between the learner and society's systems of education, training and work
- Valuing the equivalence of non-formal and informal learning with formal learning
- Creating impact: educational, economic, social
- Linkage with 21st century society: personalised learning in the collectivity of the learning society

What steps do we hope to take those days?

- Creating linkages between ‘the actors in VPL’: learners, schools, universities, employers, trade unions, authorities, etc.
- Collecting more testimonials of the impact of VPL: role models
- Linking responsibilities of actors in research, policy and practice
- Sharing experiences and good practices

How?

By better understanding VPL when crossing borders
(*benchlearning as a strategy*):

- ***The keynotes*** – challenging and inspiring
- ***The sessions*** - key topics for understanding VPL at practical levels
- ***The networking*** - Strengthen possible actions internationally, nationally, in own organisation, at individual levels etc.
- ***The personal touch*** – on the diversity and the need for contextualising methods and practice
- ***The sharing*** - good practices of VPL perspectives

[expected] Outcomes

- The 2nd VPL Biennale book: e-book
- Keynote presentations / the sessions presentation at the website
- The Rapporteurs feedback from the sessions
- The conclusions
- The VPL prize cases
- The bigger network
- Interviews and articles in journals
- The upcoming 3rd Biennale. But where?