

# LET'S DO IT BETTER

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## DEFINITIONS OF TWO CONCEPTS:

### POPULAR EDUCATION AND SOCIAL MEDIATION

"Let's do it better" Project refers to two concepts: popular education and social mediation.

Define in a few lines these two concepts according to the point of view of your organisation:

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#### 1 / popular education:

One Chinese proverb says: *"Tell me, and I forget. Show me, and I remember. Involve me, and I understand"*

Popular education is a collective process in which everybody is participating. Learners should be able to decide what they want to learn, and they are expected to form the learning process. So the teacher is more a facilitator or an animator who makes sure that new ideas arise, progress, and don't get repetitive who helps everyone to identify and describe his/her own personal experience and that knowledge is the material to built upon through various activities done in groups. So in popular education we stimulate debates and free thinking rather than dictate facts. We help with future action plans, looking at local, national or European level opportunities for organising, networking contacts for training etc

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## 2 / social mediation:

Cultural mediation has the objective of facilitating relations between local and foreign citizens, intended to promote knowledge and comprehension aimed at favoring a positive relationship between people of different cultural backgrounds.

An organisation that offers cultural mediation should:

- facilitate communication (language difficulties)
- deepen cultural understanding (cultural problems)
- provide professional advice (difficulties in the labor market).
- provide guidance to immigrants (adjustment difficulties).

Also an organisation that is orientated in cultural mediation should try to promote the values of the intercultural experience to the local community.