

## Application for Membership – EARLALL



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### Application for Membership

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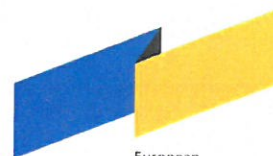
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Main objectives:

1. The labour market in Hordaland shall have the necessary skills to meet future changes in the needs for competent labour force.
2. The labour market shall have access to adequate and relevantly skilled work force in order to maintain business development and expanding needs.
3. The inhabitants shall have access to professional, public and free career guidance, with emphasis on career learning according to their life phase.

### **5. The regional/local/organisational competence in the field of lifelong learning:**

*(please, include main competence below and attach to the form a more detailed description as Annex 1)*

Hordaland County Council is:

Responsible for upper secondary education (including VET)

Responsible for adult learning (with right to upper secondary education)

Responsible for education within Vocational Colleges (tertiary education)

Responsible for career guidance for lifelong learning

Provider of start-up courses, courses in entrepreneurship

Extensive European cooperation within lifelong learning, both formal and informal (e.g. within Erasmus+, Interreg)

Signed: .....

Date: 30.11.2017

Name: Anne Gine Hestetun,  
Mayor of Hordaland County Council.....



Place: Bergen

### EARLALL

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### **Hordaland - a short overview:**

Hordaland County Council is responsible for county policy regarding secondary education, cultural affairs, communications, dental health, economic development and regional planning, including the development of the road system. (More about responsibilities and actions within lifelong learning, see the application and information below)\*.

Hordaland, with its 520 00 inhabitants (2017), is home county to 10 % of Norway's population. The county comprises 33 municipalities with their own governing councils. Bergen is the centre of Hordaland County and the site of the county administration.

### **Employment and income**

The County Council employs around 4,400 people. Almost 80 % of the work carried out by county employees is related to secondary education. 33 secondary schools situated in various parts of the county have some 18,000 pupils. The council's income is derived principally from local taxes (35 %), Norwegian Government block grants (34 %), earmarked Norwegian Government grants, and fees from certain services provided by the county. The level of income is defined by the national government. The Regional Strategy Plan draws up the aims and strategies for the development of the county.

### **The political structure**

The County Council is the elected body responsible for county policies. The Hordaland Council has 57 members elected every four years. The current County Council is elected for the period 2015-2019. Detailed decision making is delegated to the County Executive Board elected by the County Council among its 57 members. Chief Executive is Mr. Rune Haugsdal. County Mayor of Hordaland is Mrs. Anne Gine Hestetun, representing the Labour Party.

### **Hordaland observer in EARLALL**

Hordaland has been an observer in EARLALL since October 2016. We have experienced that a membership will be very useful for the further development of the County's international cooperation within lifelong learning, and to strengthen the county's important role as a coordinator and facilitator within this field.

Here an example of what Hordaland already has obtained as an observer: In the application round for Erasmus+ in 2017, Hordaland County Council got five projects (out of six applications in total). Two of them made possible only because of a very professional and efficient partner search service in EARLALL:

-Erasmus+ Strategic partnership within VET: "Sustainable development of regional centres with active involvement of VET" (Urban Centres). EARLALL is a partner in this project as well.

-Erasmus+ Mobility - Adult education: "Better start-up courses for immigrants"

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### **More about Hordaland's competence and actions in the field of lifelong learning:**

#### **Regional plan for competence and work force (2017):**

This plan outlines the strategy and the actions for a better balance between the needs and the availability of a skilled work force in Hordaland. It gives thus an overview of the County's objectives, responsibilities and challenges within the educational sector and lifelong learning. The plan is based on cooperation between an extensive regional partnership within lifelong learning.