



**COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT
FOR SOCIAL
INCLUSION**

General Purpose of the Toolkit:

COMENSI toolkit is addressed to adult education providers, public administrators, community managers and every professional interested in activating participatory processes of community engagement in challenging urban areas.

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01. INTRO

This toolkit has been developed within the framework of the project COMmunity ENgagement for Social Inclusion (COMENSI) funded by ERASMUS+ programme (KA2 Adult Education). The purpose of COMENSI is to understand why adults who are living with disadvantage in urban areas are under-represented in participatory processes and to develop appropriate strategies and tools to counteract such issues.

The COMENSI toolkit is a collection of tools, methods and practices specifically designed and selected to improve the engagement of urban communities. It is written to support adult education providers, public administrators, community managers and every professional interested in activating participatory processes of community engagement in challenging urban settings.



Community engagement, in this context, goes beyond simply 'involving' people. It relies on building ongoing, meaningful relationships between the community and organisations for mutually beneficial outcomes. It is a collaborative process between groups who are brought together as neighbours or through sharing a common interest or concern. It is a powerful vehicle for bringing about environmental and behavioural changes to improve the situation and wellbeing of the community.

The toolkit comprises three parts:

- » The COMENSI method - an overarching approach to community engagement to guide projects from the embryonic stage of development through to completion and evaluation
- » A collection of engagement methods, tools and techniques which include descriptions, guidelines and some practical use examples of where these have been applied
- » Local Framework Scenarios