



# Basic Skills for Work

Combined Basic Skills and Communication Training for Low-Skilled Workers  
in Five Different European Work Sectors

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At least one of every four adults in Europe fails to reach minimum literacy levels for coping with everyday life and work in a complex, advanced society.

The increasing complexity of work processes requires higher literacy, numeracy and communication skills also at the lowest work levels, especially to meet quality and safety aspects.

The project has selected the five sectors and develops training materials and curricula for basic skills and communication skills for un-skilled workers in

- Hospital and care
- Construction
- Tourism and leisure
- Cleaning
- Railway transport

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**The first step of our project has been achieved:**

Country Analysis (Workpackage 2)

The project partners have finished their detailed analysis of the current basic skills situation in their countries (Austria, Germany, France, Italy, United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Latvia, Hungary).

It covers, inter alia, the following areas:

- Rates of functional illiteracy and basic skills deficits
- national programmes and campaigns
- provision of training, teaching and learning materials
- public awareness
- situation of workplace training and employers' requirements

**Dissemination activities:**

Presentation of our project at a Multiplier Seminar on functional illiteracy at the Confederación Empresarial de la Provincia de Alicante (COEPA), from 3 to 4 March 2005, during the second project meeting.



The main issue of the Seminar was

- how to sensitise, inform and train advisers in order to detect people with illiteracy or borderline basic skills,
- how help them to develop self-confidence,
- how to advise them on training possibilities,
- maintain their motivation and
- re-orient their potential of creativity.

Read more at [www.coepe.es/eventos\\_prev.asp](http://www.coepe.es/eventos_prev.asp)