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Adult Education Survey

2011

Evolutionary portrait of the education, training and learning activities of the adult population in Portugal

Nearly half of the population aged 18 to 64 (48.8%) participated, at least, in one activity of formal or non-formal education in 2011, what has been given the designation of lifelong learning (LLL). The increase of 17.9 percentage points (p.p.), when compared to 2007 (30.9%), was due to the increase in formal education participation (4.6 p.p.) and, especially, to the increase in non-formal education participation (18.4 p.p.).

This trend in LLL participation contributed to the remarkable improvement of the country position in the European context: Portugal moved from a proportion of participation that was 8.5 p.p. below the European average (27 countries), in 2007, to a position 3.6 p.p. above the average, in 2011.

The participation in informal learning activities – activities developed in a self-learning basis – recorded also a remarkable increase: it went from 40.8% in 2007 to 68.5% in 2011.
