Learning regions in Germany through the past vast years have taken a leading role in establishing, planning, delivering and supporting lifelong learning, adult learning and education initiatives. LERNENDE REGIONEN DEUTSCHLAND e.V. (LRD) is is a national association, which emerged from the German national programme "Learning regions". It is aiming at the mainstreaming the products and results aroused by 75 German Learning Regions to umbrella-organisations, ministries, city or regional councils in Germany and other European countries and thus helps to create pilot-regions for lifelong learning-initiatives. Furthermore the association is offering guidance and concrete educational programmes to cities and regions.