



Dear Participants,

Yesterday, in my house, passiflora, the flower of passion, has flourished. This made me think of our profession, teachers, trainers, professionals in the field of education and, I am sure, you understand why. Because passion is the most important ingredient of our jobs of high responsibility. It comes together with creativity, inspiration, the power to confront difficulties and make the impossible possible.

These days, I have met or communicated with project managers like myself, in Grundtvig workshops such ours, and saw what they recommended their participants to bring for the workshops, things like movies, music or food, or drinks, specific to their countries.

Yesterday, I definitely realized what I want to ask you to bring with you for our workshop in Bucharest. Dear Participants, Colleagues and, I am sure, soon, this end of August, Friends, please bring with you your passion, as workers in a field where more than anywhere, this is a crucial thing for success in activities that are meant to change and improve other people's lives, children, young or senior people, who need a lot of help to acquire knowledge, skills and behaviours, to know more, to do better, to live better. Is there anything more beautiful on Earth?

As teachers, trainers or facilitators in education we shall not be rich, our jobs, anywhere on this planet, don't bring us a lot of money, but they bring us feelings and satisfactions that no money in the world can buy.

In this letter, my experience speaks to you, experience of a life of work as a teacher, trainer and manager in education and training. Now, when I look back to all those years, when sometimes I forgot myself or my family, because I had another project to run, many times against barriers of bureaucracy and too much work, I don't regret it, because this pile of work made with love and passion rewarded me with the changes made in some beautiful people's lives.

So, please, bring with you in Bucharest, your love and passion for your jobs, for the people you teach and train, for this workshop, and I am sure, we shall realize TOGETHER a splendid event and, when going back to our activities, you will be better professionals and people and will determine others, whom you teach or train, to improve. I assure you that I and my team will do the same.

I propose the image of passiflora, the flower of passion, to be the symbol of our workshop.

I and my team wish you a nice trip and stay in Bucharest, a most fruitful participation in our workshop! Until then, let's keep in touch!

With all the best thoughts and wishes,

Yours,
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