

The following table gives an overview about projects which have expired or are currently conducted in the field of adult literacy were supported and implemented. The following table gives an overview about projects which have expired or are currently conducted in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Year	Project / Programme	Financed by/ Implemented by
1981	<i>Study of Illiteracy in the Federal Republic of Germany</i>	German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)/ Arbeitskreis Orientierungs- und Bildungshilfe, AOB <i>(an educational help association)</i>
1982 – 1985	<i>Developing and Supporting Measures of Native-Language Alphabetization Courses in Adult Education Centers</i>	German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)/ Pädagogische Arbeitsstelle des Deutschen Volkshochschul-Verbandes (PAS) <i>(former pedagogic work place of the German Adult Education Association - DVV)</i>
1984	<i>Foundation of the association: Writing-Workshop for New Readers and Writers Society</i>	
1984	<i>Literacy in the Media-Network</i>	German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)/ Adolf Grimme Institute (AGI) <i>(AGI: a media institute which presents the Adolf Grimme Prize and the Grimme Online Award)</i>
Since 1985	<i>Alfa - Newsletter or Alfa-Forum (magazine)</i>	
1986 – 1988	<i>Imparting Elementary Qualification Skills</i>	German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)/ Pädagogische Arbeitsstelle des Deutschen Volkshochschul-Verbandes (PAS) <i>(former pedagogic work place of the German Adult Education Association - DVV)</i>
1988 – 1990	<i>Prevention and Combat of Functional Illiteracy</i>	European Commission/ Pädagogische Arbeitsstelle des Deutschen Volkshochschul-Verbandes (PAS) <i>(former pedagogic work place of the German Adult Education Association - DVV) - Coordination of the project</i>
1988	<i>Developing a network of 17 pilot projects in 12 member states of the European Community</i>	European Commission
1989 – 1993	<i>Social and Personal Skills as Basic Qualifications Skills in the Field of Adult Education</i>	German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)/ Pädagogische Arbeitsstelle des Deutschen Volkshochschul-Verbandes (PAS) <i>(former pedagogic work place of the German Adult Education Association - DVV)</i>
1989	<i>Functional Post-Anphabetism</i>	Pädagogische Arbeitsstelle des Deutschen Volkshochschul-Verbandes (PAS) <i>(former pedagogic work place of the German Adult Education Association - DVV)</i>
1990 – 1991	<i>Unlearning the Reading and Writing and their Effects in Adults</i>	European Commission/ German Institute for Adult Education (DIE) – Coordination
1993 – 1994	<i>Developing and Proving Literacy and Basic Education Proposals in the Newly-Formed German States</i>	German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)/ German Institute for Adult Education (DIE)

	arning Software for and DVD)	Arbeitskreis Orientierungs- und Bildungshilfe AOB (an educational help association) with partners in Luxembourg, France, Portugal, Ireland
1995 – 1997	Bridging Distances by Dialogue – Developing Common Perspectives in the Field of Literacy and Basic Education in East and West	German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)/ German Institute for Adult Education (DIE)
Since 1995	Nationwide emergency phone for illiterates and their members (Alfa-Telefon)	German Federal Literacy Association (BVAG)
1996 – 1999	Project, which is addressed to unemployed adolescents and illiterates, who are dissatisfied at work	European Social Fund/ Arbeitskreis Orientierungs- und Bildungshilfe AOB (an educational help association)
1997 – 1999	Concepts and Materials for Vocationally Oriented Basic Education in the Field of Literacy	Adult Education Centre (VHS) in Bielefeld
1997 – 1999	Network of Basic Qualification Skills	German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)/ German Institute for Adult Education (DIE)
1998 – 2000	Training Module for the Qualification of Trainers of People with Lower Basic Education Skills (TAGG)	European Commission/ German Institute for Adult Education (DIE) – Coordination
1998	Alfakatalog (catalogue of literacy materials)	German Federal Literacy Association (BVAG)
1999 – 2001	Development of Conceptual Elements of a Vocational Oriented Literacy/Basic Education as well as Development of Accompanying Advanced Training Modules	German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) / German Institute for Adult Education (DIE)
2001 – 2003	Dialogic Numeracy in the Net (ALNET)	European Commission / German Institute for Adult Education (DIE)
2001 – 2004	Alpha: Innovative Approaches in Basic Education by Media-Based Accesses	German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) / German Institute for Adult Education (DIE)
2002 – 2004	Forum for Writing and Reading Difficulties in Adults (ForWard)	European Commission / German Institute for Adult Education (DIE)
	Alfa-Portal-Literacy Learning (E-learning project APOLL)	German Adult Education Association (DVV), German Federal Literacy Association (BVAG)
	Advertising campaign: Do not decline yourself. Learn to read and write!	German Federal Literacy Association (BVAG) / Advertising agency Grey in Düsseldorf, Germany
Since December 2003	Federal working group Literacy+	German Adult Education Association (DVV)
Since December 2003	APOLL magazine	German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) / German Federal Literacy Association (BVAG) / German Adult Education Association (DVV)
2004	Corso of Light Figures	German Federal Literacy Association (BVAG)
2004 – 2007	ALFA-MOBIL (a specially equipped vehicle, which provides information and counseling locally)	Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) / German Federal Literacy Association (BVAG)
	Portal Second Chance Online I-want-to-learn-how-to-write (sich-wil-schreiben-lernen.de) (Internet portal, which provides functional adult illiterates an opportunity to learn	Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) / German Adult Education Association (DVV)

		online) gramme in Hamburg)	UNESCO-Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL)
12/2004 – 11/2006	<p>ÍPASS – Pro Alphabetisierung in SachsenÍ <i>The Challenge of illiteracy - alphabetization of functional illiterates in Sachsen (Germany)</i></p>		Ministry of State for Culture (Sachsen) / Arbeitsstelle Praxisberatung, Forschung und Entwicklung Apfe <i>(an organization of research and development)</i>
06/2005 – 12/2007	<p>ÍF.A.N. FußballÍ <i>F.A.N . Football - Literacy Campaign, Network project</i></p>		German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) / German Federal Literacy Association (BVAG) / BR-alpha (<i>Educational TV canal of the Bavarian broadcasting company</i>) / German Adult Education Association (DVV)
2005 – 2007	<p>ÍEuropean Network for Motivational Mathematics for Adults (EMMA)Í</p>		European Commission / German Institute for Adult Education (DIE)
2005/2006	<p>ÍABC of Life – ÍGÍ has to leaveÍ <i>(documentary film)</i></p>		German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) / German Federal Literacy Association (BVAG)
2006 – 2008	<p>ÍProfessionalization of Literacy and Basic Education – Basic Modules for Teacher Training (TRAIN)Í</p>		European Commission / German Institute for Adult Education (DIE) – Coordination
10/2007 – 09/2009	<p>ÍProfessionalizationÍ</p>		German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) / German Adult Education Association (DVV)
10/2007 – 09/2010	<p>Increasing the Efficiency and Quality in Literacy by Social Environment Research and Development of Social-Integrative Counseling and Learning Proposals (EQUALS)Í</p>		German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) / German Adult Education Association (DVV) – Coordination; Arbeitsstelle Praxisberatung, Forschung und Entwicklung apfe (<i>an organisation of research and development</i>) - Partner
2007 – 2010	<p>Game Based Training in Basic Education – Scenario-based Learning Proposal for Low-qualifiedÍ (alph@bit)Í</p>		German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)/ Fraunhofer Institute for Computer Graphics Rostock; German Adult Education Association (DVV); German Institute for Adult Education (DIE); National Association of Adult Educational Centres Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (VHS-LV)
2008 - 2010	<p><i>Project initiative:</i> ÍThe Basics for Literacy and Basic Education - Scientific Requirements for Institutionalization and Professionalism (Alpha-Wissen)Í</p>		German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)/ German Institute for Adult Education (DIE) - Coordination
2008 – 2009	<p>Scale of functional illiteracy: ÍPreliminary StudyÍ</p>		German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) / German Institute for Adult Education (DIE); German Federal Literacy Association (BVAG); GESIS/ZUMA – Leibniz Institute for Social Sciences
2008 – 2009	<p>ÍSystematic Perspectives on Learning Counseling and Learning Barriers in Adult LiteracyÍ</p>		German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) / University of Potsdam
2008 – 2009	<p>ÍLiteracy as Social PracticeÍ <i>Elevation of sociocultural and subjective perceptions on literacy</i></p>		German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) / Helmut-Schmidt-University in Hamburg (HSU)
2008 – 2010	<p>ÍLiteracy/Basic Education – State of the Art from a Historical and Systematic Perspective in Terms of TransferabilityÍ</p>		German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) / German Institute for Adult Education

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2008 – 2010	Professionalization of Literacy/Basic Education in Continuing Education	German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) / Bavarian Association of Adult Educational Centres (bv); Adult Education Centre München (VHS München); German Adult Education Association (DVV); German Institute for Adult Education (DIE); Ludwig-Maximilians-University München (LMU)
Since 01/2008	Acquiring Chances <i>A research and developing project in the field of Literacy and Basic Education in the context of the economy and work for adults</i>	German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) / German Federal Literacy Association (BVAG) / Supervision/ Partner: Educational Institute of Industry and Commerce in Hessen (BWHW)/ Institute of the German Economy Cologne / University Bielefeld
02/2008 – 02/2011	Professionalization of Teachers in the Field of Literacy and Basic Education (PROFESS)	German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)/ German Federal Literacy Association (BVAG)/ University of Education Weingarten / Working Group Practise Consultation, Research and Development (apfe) / University Bremen / University Siegen / University of Education Schwäbisch Gmünd

Internationally, Germany is involved in different programmes and projects in the field of literacy. In particular, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the German Development Service (DED), the German Society for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Institute for International Cooperation of the German Adult Education Association (IIZ DVV) and Capacity Building International (InWEnt), should be named.

An investigation and summary of these projects, especially of their implementation, would also be interesting for the national discourses. There might be possibilities for transfer and adaption of innovative approaches.

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