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#### LITERACY TEACHER TRAINING The case of Slovenia









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## Main characteristics of ALTT in SI

- 1. No undergraduate or postgraduate studies on AL and **no formal ALTO**
- 2. First training **started in 1992**, ever since part of professional development of teachers
- 3. Non formal, but accredited course
- 4. ALTT certificate is needed for verification of AE organisation and for public funding
- 5. Majority of teachers part time
- 6. Irregular funding of AL and ALTT





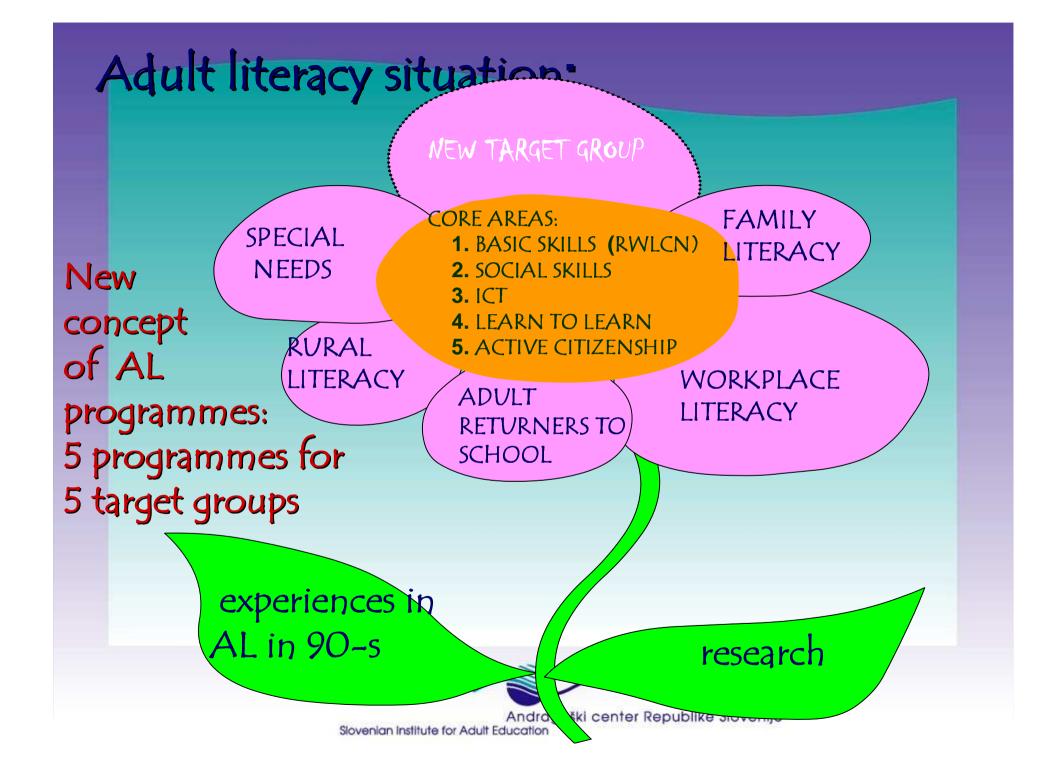
Adult literacy situation Adults with lowest literacy levels



less than 12 years of schooling

 young drop-outs 16 - 25 unemployed
Iow skilled employed ⇒ parents with school age children Iow income groups ♦ immigrants ♦ older age groups





# Legal base for ALTT

 Law on organisation and financing of Ed, 1996;
 Regulates AE teacher qualification (university

degree, pedagogical education etc.)

National AE Master plan, 2004; Legal base for adult literacy programmes

National AL Strategy, 2005; A strategy of lifelong development of literacy



#### Entry requirements:

- University degree, pedagogical ed, professional exam
- Experiences in AE
- Positive attitude towards TGs

# Certification:

- 120 hours of training
- field research on TGs needs
- teaching performance
  - detailed teaching programme plan /essay



Skills and competences Teachers are expected to develop skills, knowledge and competences in the three inter-related fields:

> Professional knowledge and understanding

Professional values and personal commitment

Professional skills and abilities

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# On-going professional training

Adult literacy teacher training

University degree (pedagogycal education, proffessional exam) On going professional training and upgrading



## Advantages of the system of ALTT

- Regulated publicly fuRegularly monitored Regulated publicly funded system
- Accredited training programme
- High profile of AL teaching force
- On going professional development
- Flexible teaching force (part time)
- Positive transfer of innovation in formal system



### Disadvantages of the system of ALTT

Absence of formal teaching qualification Low interest of part time AL teachers for further education and training in the field of adult literacy



Irregular funding creates insecurity about the future

