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■ **PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:**



○ **Símenntunarmiðstöðin á Vesturlandi, ICELAND www.simenntun.is**

Símenntunarmiðstöðin is a nonprofit organization and owned by municipalities in the area, the local labor unions, the local college, and some key companies. The main objective of Símenntunarmiðstöðin is to promote and assist with adult education in the area with special attention to the increase of continuing education, increased qualification as well as well-being of the population. Símenntunarmiðstöðin gives hobby courses, courses for unemployed people, courses for unskilled employees and continuing education for skilled personnel. Courses are prepared in cooperation with other educational institutions, companies, individuals and organizations. Símenntunarmiðstöðin targets those who have not completed the upper secondary level of education. This target group comprises 40% of people in the labor market, although the ratio varies between years and regions. People in this group are often not motivated to attend school and one of the important tasks for Símenntunarmiðstöðin is to find and use new methods to motivate people to continue and finish their education.

Símenntunarmiðstöðin will participate in all project meetings and activities and will organize a project meeting in Iceland, on 7th and 8th of June 2012.

The Icelandic partner (SÍ) will present his experiences in Entrepreneurship Education (EE) in groups of Unemployed. This partner will give a detailed presentation of methods and materials in entrepreneurial education in his work with Unemployed, which can be used as a basis for lessons in vocational education and counseling. The partner will organize a visit to a training course carried out for Unemployed in cooperation with the Employment Services and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Social Security.