Date *June 2026*

1. General Information

Acronym of the national network:	*ULLO*
Full Name of the National Network:	*Universitair Leven Lang Ontwikkelen*
Country:	*Netherlands*
Year of Establishment:	*2023*
Official Website:	*None*

2. Contact details

Representative of the National Network

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3. Background

Please provide a brief description of your network (maximum 200–300 words), including:

- Date of establishment
- Founding purpose
- Membership structure (e.g., number and type of member institutions)
- Key milestones or achievements
- Governance structure (if relevant)

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The ULLO Network was established in 2023 to strengthen collaboration among Dutch universities to exchange knowledge about professional education. The network was founded to support the growing need for flexible, high-quality learning opportunities for professionals throughout their careers and to enhance the role of universities in lifelong learning.

ULLO brings together 14 universities. The network facilitates knowledge exchange, collaboration, and innovation in lifelong learning through meetings, thematic working groups, and joint initiatives. Key achievements include strengthening cooperation between member institutions, contributing to national discussions on lifelong learning policy, sharing good practices in professional and continuing education, a joint professionals development coursefor staff working in lifelong learning, the organisation of an annual network day featuring workshops and knowledge-sharing sessions, and contributions to national discussions on lifelong learning policy and practice.

The network operates through a collaborative governance structure with representatives from member institutions participating in steering and working groups. Decisions and activities are guided by shared priorities and collective engagement.

4. Focus

Please describe the main objectives and areas of activity of your National Network. Your response may include:

- Core mission and strategic goals
- Main areas of work (e.g., accreditation, policy advocacy, coordination, training, research, etc.)
- National and/or international collaborations
- Services provided to members
- Current priorities

The ULLO Network's core mission is to strengthen the role of universities in continuing professional education in the Netherlands. The network promotes collaboration, knowledge exchange, and innovation among universities.

Its main areas of activity include professional development, community building, knowledge sharing, and strategic dialogue on lifelong learning policy and practice. ULLO supports its members through regular webinars, thematic communities, and an annual network day featuring workshops and exchange sessions. In addition, the network has developed a joint professional development course for staff working in lifelong learning and continuing education.

ULLO facilitates collaboration between member institutions and also maintains an administrative preparatory group that supports Universities of the Netherlands (UNL) in collecting input and perspectives from member institutions for discussions and consultations with the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW).

Current priorities include strengthening the professionalisation of lifelong learning staff, fostering innovation in flexible learning pathways, enhancing collaboration between universities and external partners, and supporting knowledge exchange on emerging developments in lifelong learning and continuing professional education.

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5. Key Activities (Optional)

Please list up to 5 major ongoing or recent initiatives, projects, or programmes.

- *Development and delivery of a joint professional development course for staff working in lifelong learning and continuing professional education.*
- *Organisation of an annual ULLO Network Day, bringing together members for workshops, knowledge exchange, and discussion of current developments in lifelong learning.*
- *Facilitation of thematic Learning Communities in which member institutions collaborate on diverse topics*
- *Organisation of podcasts, regular webinars and peer-learning sessions to share expertise, good practices, and emerging developments in university continuing education.*
- *Coordination of an administrative preparatory group that supports Universities of the Netherlands (UNL) in gathering input from member institutions for consultations and policy discussions with the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW).*

6. Additional Information (Optional)

Any other relevant information you wish to share (publications, annual events, statistics, strategic plans, etc.).

7. National Network's social media pages (Optional)

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