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Dear colleagues,

I would like to add the support of the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education in the United Kingdom for the continuing independence of the National Institute of Adult Education in Slovenia. We know in the UK that there is a continued need for a strong focus on the specific needs of adults in learning and in our societies. Adults learn differently to young people, have different motivations and now, more than ever, will need to be able to understand, adapt and learn new skills to cope with the changing world of work and life.

The Slovenian Institute is a respected organisation across Europe and has contributed greatly to European lifelong learning policies. Its research has broken ground in a number of areas and I know that it has been instrumental in developing campaigning such as Adult Learners' Week across south-eastern Europe.

I am sure that the intentions behind the proposed merger are good ones, but all too often the outcomes can be unwelcome. I am sure that there would be an inevitable loss in focus on the needs of and opportunities for adults which would not be welcomed. Because of that I am keen to add my support to your ambition to remain independent. Good luck.

Yours sincerely

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