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Erasmus and Leonardo da Vinci Contact seminar: Lifelong training – an international bridge between educational institutions and the world of work

Location: Ljubljana, Slovenia
Date: 7 – 10 December 2008
Host: CMEPIUS, Slovenian National Agency
Application: 15 November 2008 (or later if places are available)
Fee: 500 € (funding available - preparatory visits – contact your National Agency)

Introduction

The main aim of the Contact seminar will be to **connect** international representatives of **educational institutions, enterprises and social partners** and **develop** projects that will enhance their cooperation in the field of training, knowledge transfer and human resources management within the Lifelong learning programme (LLP).

Connecting the world of work and education has been at the forefront of the European political agenda for the future development of education. It is also one of the main goals of the LLP. The most relevant sub-programmes that contribute to these goals are **Erasmus** [*higher education*] and **Leonardo da Vinci** [*vocational education and training*]. Erasmus strives to improve the quality and to increase the volume of cooperation between higher education institutions and enterprises, while Leonardo da Vinci, between VET institutions, enterprises, social partners and other relevant bodies throughout Europe.

Who and what

The seminar will gather representatives from **education institutions, enterprises and social partners**. Participants will be designing project ideas and project proposals, connecting with international partners and discuss the quality of the implementation of projects. Therefore, it is an opportunity not to be missed for all those institutions, enterprises and social partners to **build international bridges** between education and the world of work.



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Actions

The National agency will facilitate match-making between international partners and present opportunities offered by LLP. There are many ways how to increase cooperation through European grants, including:

- **mobility** (practical training at the workplace or training institution abroad)
 - o **Erasmus** for students (SMP – student mobility placements), and
 - o **Leonardo da Vinci** for initial vocational trainees, people on the labour market and VET professionals
- Leonardo da Vinci **Partnerships, Transfer of innovation** projects
- Erasmus **Intensive programmes** (IP), ...

International practical training at the workplace or a training institution is an important opportunity for educational institutions, as well as for enterprises and individuals. It allows the individual to gain (or test) valuable and specific skills abroad. It enables the educational institutions to enrich their offer and reach out to enterprises. Enterprises can provide training (and perhaps gain a new employee) or train their employees abroad and thus improve the level of skills of their workforce and increase competitiveness.

Leonardo da Vinci Partnerships are cooperative projects that enable close cooperation between international partners that is in their mutual interest and related to Vocational education and training. Transfer of innovation is a Leonardo da Vinci action that allows for transfer and inclusion of innovative solutions into VET systems. There will be many more possibilities and examples explored at the meeting.

Erasmus Intensive programs IP is a short programme of study which brings together students and staff from higher education institutions in at least three participating countries. IP's encourage efficient and multinational teaching of specialist topics, enable students and teachers to work together in multinational groups and allow members of the teaching staff to exchange views on teaching content and new curricula approaches. Enterprises and their employees usually participate as outside experts where students on a tour visits or different presentations can see practical view of the knowledge that they gain at higher education institutions.



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Aims

With this contact seminar we aim to:

- demonstrate that LLP is a successful method of connecting educational institutions and enterprises (and other relevant institutions)
- stimulate the development of new partnerships
- facilitate the exchange of experiences between participants and focus on the quality aspects of implementing LLP projects
- contribute to the transfer of experiences between the Leonardo da Vinci and Erasmus programmes

Programme

The three day programme will start with an informal European fair where all the participants will introduce each other. Presentation stands will be set up and will remain there for the rest of the meeting.

First day will be a valorisation conference combined with workshops discussing the successful aspects of cooperation between educational institutions, enterprises and social partners within the LLP context, including the conclusion of the conference Quality in mobility (www.qim.si). Second day will be dedicated to work in groups on actual project design and problem solving. The final day will present the results of the meeting.

Costs, funding and application

The meeting fee is **500 €**, covering 3-nights accommodation, and transport from and to the airport, meals, programme costs and seminar material. Payment of the fee is to be made prior to attendance at the seminar. Each participant will receive an invoice.

It is possible to **apply for funding through Preparatory visits** (for Leonardo da Vinci and Erasmus) at your national agency (http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/national_en.html). Preparatory visits are funded in each country, but may have specific deadlines for applications (early applications are recommended).

Registration deadline is: **15.11.2008** or later (if all places are not full). Application forms should be sent to this e-mail address: Maja Abramič maja.abramic@cmepius.si



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Date and Location

The meeting will start on Sunday evening 7. December 2008 and finish Wednesday midday 10. December 2008.

The location of the meeting will be in Ljubljana (City Hotel, <http://www.cityhotel.si/> situated directly in the city centre), which is half an hour drive from the airport Jože Pučnik.

Contacts

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- Organisational issues and applications: Maja Abramič maja.abramic@cmepius.si

Travel to Slovenia

More information for travelling by:

- air: <http://www.lju-airport.si/eng/default.asp>
- train: <http://www.slo-zeleznice.si/en/>
- car: <http://www.amzs.si/?jezik=1033>

About Slovenia

Info on Slovenia

<http://www.slovenia.si/>

More info on Ljubljana

<http://www.ljubljana.si/en/default.html>

Weather in Slovenia

<http://meteo.arso.gov.si/met/en/>