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## PRACTICAL DETAILS

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### COMENIUS CONTACT SEMINAR

**“Let’s experiment together against early school leaving!”**

**AMIENS, France / CRDP**

**15 - 18 November 2011**



## WHAT IS A CONTACT SEMINAR?

A contact seminar is a networking event organised by a National Agency. It aims at bringing together people from schools which share common interests and would like to develop European cooperation projects in the field of education and vocational training. It is a great 'partner-finding' opportunity that will also allow you to:

- ❖ receive more information on the Lifelong Learning Programme and the sub-programme you are interested in;
- ❖ receive information on good practice examples and meet people from schools which have already developed European cooperation projects;
- ❖ get to know suitable partner schools;
- ❖ take part in workshops where you can draft your future project;
- ❖ receive advice from NA staff and other experts on how to draft a successful grant application;

## RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

More than six million young people in the EU leave education and training with lower secondary level qualifications at best. The Commission today approved an action plan that will help Member States to achieve the Europe 2020 headline target of reducing the EU average rate of early school leavers to under 10%, from the current level of 14.4%, by the end of the decade.

The Commission, for its part, will target funding through the Lifelong Learning Programme and the Research Framework Programme to create innovative ways to tackle the problem.

The contact seminar, co-organised with the French Ministry of Education, will be a contribution to develop future European School Partnerships focused on Early School Leaving.

## PARTICIPANTS

The target groups are headmasters, teachers whatever their speciality and education staff of secondary schools (pupils aged 12 to 18). The seminar is open to all countries and can accommodate a maximum of 45 participants. Preferably there should be no more than four participants from each country including one NA representative.

## LOCATION AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

The seminar will take place in **AMIENS**, at the CRDP, on the Somme River, about 100 km or 70 miles north of Paris. Beginning on the evening of Tuesday 15 November and closing on Friday 18 November 2011.



## WORKING LANGUAGE(S)

English – French

## CONTACT SEMINAR FEE

The seminar fee is **600 EURO** per participant including the following expenses: 3 nights with breakfast, lunch and dinner, cultural event.

## HOW TO GET FUNDS?

To attend a contact seminar, you shall apply for a preparatory visit grant. For detailed information about the grant application form, deadlines and any other requirements applicable at national level, **please contact the National Agency in your own country.**

The list of the National agencies is found at: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/national\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/national_en.html)

## REGISTRATION

We can host up to **60 participants** including NA representatives.

**Only participants duly selected and financed by their own National Agency** can participate in the seminar. When formerly approved, participants should return the registration form via e-mail to [elodie.vanouche@2e2f.fr](mailto:elodie.vanouche@2e2f.fr) by **30th of September at the latest.**

## VENUE

The hotel will be located in the city center close to the seminar venue. Single rooms are booked for the participants.

You will be informed about the precise hotel as soon as possible and at least by the end of September.



## WHAT IS CRDP?

The working sessions will take place in CRDP, which is the Pedagogical Regional Center. Its principal mission is to create and provide resources on educational issues. We will have an auditorium and many working rooms. Website: <http://crdp.ac-amiens.fr/>

## WHAT TO PREPARE?

Preparation of the "European fair": the participants are kindly requested to prepare a short presentation about their institution, region and country (pictures, brochures) and to bring some typical culinary products from their region.

Note: if you would like to show a PowerPoint presentation etc., please bring your own computer.

## HOW TO GET TO AMIENS?

IN ENGLISH: [http://www.visit-amiens.com/preparez\\_votre\\_sejour/les\\_acces](http://www.visit-amiens.com/preparez_votre_sejour/les_acces)

IN FRENCH: [http://www.amiens-tourisme.com/preparez\\_votre\\_sejour/les\\_acces](http://www.amiens-tourisme.com/preparez_votre_sejour/les_acces)

## WHO TO CONTACT?

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