

**Contact Seminar**  
**Quality professionals in VET,**  
*Professionalization of teachers in relation to Quality assurance*  
**2-5 November 2011**  
**Groningen, the Netherlands**

We are pleased to invite you to attend our Contact Seminar to meet, learn about each other's practices, share ideas and work together to develop projects ideas within the Lifelong Learning program. This contact seminar is organized by the Dutch National Agency for LLP - Leonardo da Vinci in cooperation with the Noorderpoort VET College.

A contact seminar is a networking event organized by National Agencies. It aims at bringing together people from organizations which share common interests and would like to develop European cooperation projects / partnerships in the field of vocational education and training.

*Theme & background*

Teacher quality is the backbone of the quality of education. Professionalization of teachers and trainers is of key importance for VET. This includes professional and didactical development of teachers. Also it involves including them in Quality Assurance (QA) practices to continually improve practices and aim for excellent education. Professionalization of teachers is a joint responsibility for different levels in VET including HRM, QA, management and the teachers themselves. The importance of these topics is also acknowledged at European level, teacher training is one of the indicators in the European Quality Assurance Reference Framework (EQAVET) and Europe 2020. This contact seminar focuses on the topic of quality assurance in relation to teacher training with a specific focus on:

- Ownership of QA, involvement of teachers in QA;
- Teachers & social media;
- Teachers aiming at student excellence;
- Professional development;
- VETPRO - Professionalization of teachers & HR policy.

The focus in this seminar will be on Leonardo da Vinci VETPRO mobility & Transfer of Innovation projects.

*Why participate?*

We offer participants the opportunity to:

- Exchange information and experiences;
- learn more about teacher training in relation with QA in the EU;
- Work in groups to discuss and develop project ideas;
- Learn about the possibilities within the Leonardo da Vinci program.

### *Who can participate?*

We invite VET professionals including teachers, trainers, quality assurance professionals, HRM professionals and educational managers.

The invitation is open to all countries in the Lifelong Learning programme . We welcome up to 5 participants from each country, including one representative from each NA , with a maximum of 100\* participants.

### *Contact seminar fee*

The fee for participation is 650 Euro.

This includes accommodation for 3 (or 2 ) nights, all planned meals/drinks, cultural activities during the programme and the seminar program. Limited drinks by the meals are included. Extra drinks, orders, etc. are excluded and need to be paid by the participants themselves.

### *How can I participate?*

You will be required to complete an online registration form to confirm your attendance. This form will be available on the [website](#) of the Leonardo da Vinci programme.

### *Deadline registration*

The registration will be closed on October 1<sup>st</sup> (due to the cancellation terms of our hotels and other arrangements). If the maximum number of participants is reached the registration will be closed earlier. We will make bookings based on your registration. Therefore we ask your understanding that after October 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 a cancellation-fee will have to be paid. The amount will depend on the cancellation date.

### *Preparatory Visits*

Participants can apply for a preparatory visit grant from the National Agency in the country where you are based. The grant is a contribution towards travel and the Contact Seminar Fee. Please apply for this grant as soon as possible (so that you know that your request has been accepted by your National Agency before the final online registration).

### *Venue*

- The conference will take place in the city of Groningen.
- VET students will be facilitating the conference.
- The working language of the seminar will be English.

\*20 % of the participants can be representatives from the Netherlands.

### Questions:

For questions related to registration only you can contact Franka van de Wijdeven, by e-mail: [fwijdeven@cinop.nl](mailto:fwijdeven@cinop.nl)

Any questions related to accommodation and/or programme, please contact Minke Kloppenburg by e-mail: [ma.kloppenburg@noorderpoort.nl](mailto:ma.kloppenburg@noorderpoort.nl).

All this information is also available on the [website](#) of the Dutch Leonardo da Vinci Agency.