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LIFELONG LEARNING CLOSE TO LEARNERS.

Best Practice in European Colleges, the economic and social factor in the knowledge society



Conference Theme

The 2000 Memorandum of Lifelong Learning of the European Commission sets out the following key policy objectives for the learning of people in the transition from an industrial to a knowledge-based society.

- New basic skills for all for active citizenship and employability in the 21st century by guaranteeing universal and continuing access to learning for gaining and renewing the skills needed for sustained participation in the knowledge society.
- A visible raising of levels of investment in human resources by increased investments in life long learning in order to place priority on Europe's most imported asset, its people.
- Innovation in teaching and learning by developing effective teaching and learning methods and contents for the continuum of lifelong learning.
- Improving the ways in which learning participation is understood and appreciated, particularly non formal learning.
- Rethinking guidance and counselling and ensuring that everyone can easily access good quality information and advice about learning opportunities throughout Europe.
- Providing lifelong learning opportunities close to learners, in their own neighbourhoods and supported through ICT based facilities wherever appropriate.