



EFVET Newsletter

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Message from the President

Welcome to our New members

I am happy to start with a word of warm welcome to our new members who joined EfVET since the Sevilla Conference. Here are the names:

Mr. PT Rajan from India; Mrs. Cristina Bianchi from Italy; Mrs. Sirpa Suovirta From Finland; Mr. John Perry from UK; Mrs. Helen Eyre from UK; Mr. Tjeerd Nanninga from Holland; Mr. Vibeke H. Norgaard from Denmark; Mrs. Sylvia Mingay from UK; Mr. Steven Place from UK; Mrs Liisa Metsola from Finland; Mr. Haitham Hani Arafat from Kuwait.

I hope that you will enjoy our Forum and participate in our work and exchange of good practices! We would welcome a short note from you about your College and work in the forthcoming newsletter! You can send it to Leif Haar (leha@tietgen.dk)

The EU Working Groups for the implementation of objectives for education and Training

As you may remember, EfVET has been invited to nominate candidates for participation in the working groups to implement the concrete objectives for education and training. The call came just before Christmas holidays. Members have responded overwhelmingly. We had a great reservoir of candidates. The final process of selection and communication with EVTA took rather long, but we have presented our candidates and most of them have already started work.

See <http://www.efvet.org/documents/EU/WorkGroupsExperts.pdf>

for the nomination. Pete Hodgson, our vice President will report in more detail about the process and the outcomes

Let me here remember you two things:

- a. all nominees from EFVET/EVTA have agreed to report on a continuous basis on our web site. For reports and minutes the different working groups, have a look at our website – for the moment under News – may be in the near future we will devote a special heading to this activity
- b. We are very pleased with the willingness of so many of our members to participate in the process. We will keep their names and would be happy with their participation in future consultations. If any of you does want to participate as a future EfVET expert, please do not hesitate to send your details, C.V. and field of interest to me and Peter Hodgson, and we will add you to the list.

E-Mails-notification

As you may have noticed, we send a whole range of informative E-Mails, requests for cooperation etcetera to our members from different sources. It had been suggested by our Communications Group (Leif Haar, Kent Andersen, Louise Rosthøj) to change this. In the future, you will receive a Monthly News-update with short notifications and links to our website. The content will be available on the website. We hope and believe that you will appreciate this.

Invitation to colleges of countries in accession – your help needed

Leila Lahti, EFVET-FI, Leif Haar, EFVET-DK, and Louise Rosthøj, EFVET-DK have provided a letter of invitation to colleges in countries of accession. If you have any contacts in those 10 countries, please provide Louise Rosthøj (lur@ISHTS.DK) with the names and addresses and they will receive an invitation to become a member at a special rate for 2003.

In fact this is a first step towards further actions to make sure that colleges in these ten countries will be member of EfVET. We will work together with the ETF, that has detailed information on VET systems in these countries. Members who want to join the portfolio group for this purpose are invited to contact me.

New EfVET brochure template for local use

Graphic students at Odense Technical College have produced a new EfVET Brochure and have offered national representatives to produce the brochure in their local language. National bodies provide for the translation of text, the students deliver the layout on a CD Rom, ready for printing. Please contact Louise Rosthøj (lur@ISHTS.DK) for further details.

I would like to congratulate the students with their nice piece of work, and thank them for their efforts on behalf of EfVET.

Good examples of Practice

Members of EfVET have an enormous reservoir of good examples of practice in VET and Life Long Learning. EVTA has recently opened a database of such examples (see:

<http://www.exemplo.net/>). We are involved in discussions on the data-structure of such Databases and will propose members to provide their good examples in the Database that Cedefop is developing. It will be open shortly. I will keep you informed.

The EU Parliament Event

From March 25 to 27, EfVET will clarify the crucial role of VET to Members of the European Parliament.

The core message goes as follows:

Vocational Education and Training across Europe is a major contributor to the creation of a knowledge society in Europe where citizens can maximise their potential, skills and knowledge. VET in Europe contributes enormously to the wider European Agenda for economic prosperity, integration and social inclusion.

With European Union expansion rapidly upon us – VET also has a major part to play in bringing all member states together with a common objective. VET providers have a wealth of good examples of practice and a variety of models of delivery, including ICT to offer each other and share. VET institutions throughout Europe are facing similar issues – in terms of limited resources, management of change etc. Co-operation and collaboration across Europe are a key to learning from each other.

VET practitioners and institutions/providers support wholeheartedly the need for Lifelong learning and as such clearly support the objectives set out in recent Council Resolutions.

EfVET is very keen to harness their members throughout the European Union, also candidate and pre Accession countries to share these good examples of supporting knowledge intensive economic growth and social inclusion in Europe.

The Event:

The event will offer the opportunity for MEP's to meet VET practitioners and students at an Exhibition of VET in Europe to be held in the exhibition area, ground floor, EU Parliament Building, Brussels.

The Presentation:

I will have the opportunity to address the Members of Parliament on VET in Europe – working toward knowledge intensive economic development and social inclusion - on Wednesday 26th March. My presentation will appear on our website as well. The invitation to MEP's can be seen at

<http://www.efvet.org/documents/EU/uitnodigingtraining030216.pdf>

The 12th EFVET Annual International Conference will be in Cardiff, Wales, 22nd - 25th October 2003.

More information will be available soon. You can now fill in [a request to get information](#) on the EfVET 2003 conference when available <http://www.efvet.org/efvet2003.htm>

Pete Hodgson, EfVET-GB

EfVET and EU projects

EfVET is currently dissemination partner in two LEONARDO pilot projects:

- [EMMT](#)- European Middle Management Training coordinated by Teknisk Skole Ishøj (DK)
- [BP-BLTM Best Practice](#) – Best Language Teaching Methods coordinated by Teknisk Skole Odense (DK)

Furthermore EfVET is involved in 3 new bids for LEONARDO II (one as coordinator about Intercultural Dialogue; three other ones as dissemination partner) and one for SOKRATES (as dissemination partner). Those full proposals will be decided until autumn and hopefully lead to new interesting projects and a higher profile for EfVET in Europe.

Wolfgang Stutzmann, EfVET-GE

EfVET Nordic conference in Sweden, April 29th 2003

This conference is arranged by EfVET Sweden and EfVET Denmark and takes place in Malmö, Sweden.

Main speaker is Hans van Aalst, president of EfVET: “ The role of VET is crucial for the economic development and social inclusion in Europe”.

Other issues will be

- Second Chance schools
- Integration of ethnic minorities in education and work
- How to get students for social and health education
- Avoid drop-outs: co-operation between production schools and VET colleges

Members will receive an invitation at the beginning of March

Sharing best practise: Pedagogical development

In connection with the development of the "VET Reform 2000" Ishøj Technical College (DK) developed a number of pedagogical issues, which were published as a booklet by the Ministry of Education in October 2001 "Student influence, teaching teams, and evaluation". "Teaching teams" was presented in a workshop at the EfVET conference in Sevilla 2002. Now the chapter on evaluation has been translated into English and can be found at <http://www.efvet.org/documents/memberdocs.html>

Louise Rosthøj, EfVET-DK

Leonardo da Vinci

Leonardo project: "CLOVER": <http://www.ishts.dk/Leonardo/clover/clover.htm>
CLOVER is an acronym of "A Comparative study of Learning processes in an Open environment in Vocational Education at the time of European pedagogical Reforms".

One of the aims was to clarify whether the countries together can develop pedagogical methods with which to help social and educational inclusion of young people who are normally regarded as not fit for an ordinary education, but who have hidden auto-didactic abilities, which may be uncovered and developed in special programmes. Partners: Vocational College of Bornholm (DK), Ishøj Technical College (DK), and colleges from Germany and Finland.

Leonardo da Vinci-project: EMMT European Middle Management Training:

<http://www.ishts.dk/Leonardo/emmt/emmt.htm> At most vocational colleges in Europe, middle managers are recruited from the ranks of teachers. They may do a course or two in management, but there is no formal managerial course responding to the specific competencies needed in the vocational education and training area. Our project programme takes the target group through such training in a modern context, including both national and European/global policies.

Partners: Ishøj Technical College (DK), BBS Technik 1 (DE), ITE-CECE (ES), Norton Radstock College (UK), and EfVET.

Louise Rosthøj, EfVET-DK

News from Cedefop - Latest ETV Newsletter

Please click on <http://lists.trainingvillage.gr/lists/etv-newsletter/>

Leif Haar

The Copenhagen Declaration

Declaration of the European Ministers of Vocational Education and Training, and the European Commission, convened in Copenhagen 29th and 30th November 2002 enhanced on European cooperation in vocational education and training, which will have a deep impact on European Vocational Training in future. I recommend all members to read this declaration very carefully.

Please click on <http://presse.uvm.dk/nyt/pm/copenhagen.htm>

Leif Haar

Agreements with companies

Various HETEL Colleges sign cooperation agreements with companies in their county in order to start up the SORMEN-CREA programme in the classroom

In 2002, several HETEL Colleges (Basque Country, Spain) have signed co-operation agreements with companies in their county in order to start up the SORMEN-CREA programme for encouraging creativity in the classroom.

So, for example, Goierri Lanbide Eskola in Ordizia has established co-operation agreements with four companies in Goierri county (CAF, ORKLI, IRIZAR and AMPO), La Salle in Irún with the company TESA, and La Salle Berrozpe in Andoain with four organisations (CENIA, ECHESA, Angel Iglesias S.A. and Andoain Town Council).

The cooperation agreements include the following activities:

- to establish a CREA link person within the company.
- to provide information on questions, situations or problems arising in the companies, so that students may put into practice the creative problem solving strategies and tools, developed by the programme
- to evaluate, together with the centre, the results and solutions supplied by the students

Co-operation by the companies is essential for the aim of the project to be completely fulfilled, which consists of offering students on vocational training courses an overall education where both vertical and lateral or creative intelligence are developed. This way, and by means of applying the “**IDEAL**” methodology, future technicians are helped to tackle everyday problems in their future work environment with a creative spirit.

For this, the classroom programme content cannot only be theoretical, it needs to be complemented by the handling of real problems and practices provided by the cooperating companies.

Following a two-year CREA trainers’ course, the programme has now been carried out experimentally in four Colleges during the 2001-2002 academic year, and its application has been extended to a further five HETEL Colleges during 2002-2003.

For further information:

http://www.hetel.org/sormencrea_en.html

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