



# EFVET Newsletter

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## **Message from the President (September, 2003)**

### **The Cardiff Conference: *European Vocational Qualifications in a New Europe***

I am looking forward to meeting you in Cardiff. It is now time for registration on our website. The Cardiff conference is a major event on VET in Europe and a welcome to the VET colleges in the forthcoming new member states. I hope that all members will participate and all candidate countries will be represented.

On the conference, we will invite you to assist in establishing the membership of our new colleagues.

For details see our website at <http://195.181.49.72/conferences/index2003.html>

Please register at <http://195.181.49.72/conferences/Registration.html>

## **AGM**

The next Annual General Meeting will be held at Cardiff. You will receive the documentation one of these days. They will also be published on our website. You are heartily invited to join!

## **Welcome to our New members**

I am happy to start with a word of warm welcome to our new members who joined EfVET since March 2003.

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](mailto:leha@tietgen.dk))

## **A final word:**

I hope that you appreciate being a member of EfVET. If you have any suggestions for improvement of our Forum, please do not hesitate to contact me!

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**EFVET Conference 2003 on  
European Vocational Qualifications in a new Europe  
New perspectives and challenges for colleges  
Cardiff, Wales – United Kingdom  
22nd – 25th October 2003**

The brochures will be sent out by the Central Office this week. You will find the electronical brochure in this link <http://195.181.49.72/newsletters/folder2003.pdf>

Leif Haar

**News from EFVET-Denmark**

Thanks to a good local campaign, we now have 24 members. It has been great to see, that some colleges are coming back in. They have found out that EFVET is not just networking, but also gives us a possibility to influence the decisionmakers in Bruxelles. And that is something they highly appreciate. The next AGM will be in Odense November 27th.

Louise Rosthøj

**EuroCall 2003**

**EfVET to be presented at the EuroCall 2003 conference in Limerick, Ireland**

EfVET takes an active part in EuroCall 2003 with representatives from three member institutions (BBS Technik I Ludwigshafen, Horizon College, and Odense Technical College). The three EfVET members are responsible for a show and tell demonstration where they will present EfVET's role and results in the BP-BLTM (Best Practice - Best Language Teaching Methods) project.

The BP-BLTM project is a two-year project funded by the EU commission with a Leonardo II grant. The project was launched in November 2002.

The project is coordinated by Kent Andersen (Odense Tekniske Skole, Denmark) with partners from the Basque country (EfVET member), Belgium (EfVET), Denmark (EfVET member), Germany (EfVET member), the Netherlands (EfVET member), Romania, Scotland, and Spain (EfVET member).

The objectives of the project are to portrait five communicative language teaching methods in a manual with demonstration lessons on DVDs. For each of the methods the project develops ready to use materials. The target groups are teachers and students working with less taught languages like Basque, Danish, Dutch, Gaelic, and Romanian. To ensure a wider use of the developed materials everything is also adapted for English, German, and Spanish.

Everything developed in the project is “CopyLeft”, which is a way to license a work so that unrestricted redistribution, copying and modification is permitted, provided that all copies and derivatives retain the exact same licensing.

The first method portrayed was CALLiC (Computer Assisted Language Learning in Context). The manual describing CALLiC can be downloaded from the project website [www.languages.dk/methods](http://www.languages.dk/methods) in English, German, Romanian, and Spanish.

The material developed to demonstrate CALLiC can also be accessed from the project web, or can be launched from a CD-ROM distributed at EuroCall 2003 and EfVET 2003. To obtain a copy of the CD-ROM e-mail [ka@ots.dk](mailto:ka@ots.dk)

The material comprises web-quests and a text with video (in two language levels; basic and intermediate) showing how to wire a standard British plug. The text is hyperlinked to the eight project languages so any sequence can be translated and watched / listened to in eight languages. The text/video is followed by a sequence of exercises.

The videos have also been transferred to a DVD so one can watch the instructions in eight languages with a choice of eight subtitles. This is probably the first time that one can watch a Romanian technical instruction with Gaelic subtitles!

The materials were tested in a class learning Danish. A video recording of the lessons with English commentaries and subtitles in English, German, Romanian, and Spanish can now be ordered on DVD. There is handling fee of 5 Euro for copying, and mailing. The DVD is of course CopyLeft! E-mail [ka@ots.dk](mailto:ka@ots.dk) for more details.

Both the DVDs and CD-ROMs will in the near future be available as disc images ready to download and copy.

The next method described in the project is “Task Based Teaching” the manual is still being revised by the project teams and will soon be available for download from the project web in English, German, Romanian, and Spanish. The remaining three language teaching methods are Tandem Learning, Simulations, and PhyEmoC (the Physical, Emotional, and Cultural approach). If you register your e-mail address at [www.languages.dk/methods](http://www.languages.dk/methods) or [www.efvet.org/bpbltm\\_email\\_list.htm](http://www.efvet.org/bpbltm_email_list.htm) you will receive the project Newsletter and notifications when new materials are available. The e-mails will be sent with non disclosed recipients to avoid misuse of your address.

EfVET’s role in the project has been significant in several ways:

- The project partnership is based on the EfVET network ensuring experienced, dedicated project members who take an active part and responsibility in the project thus ensuring the project success.
- Use of EfVET facilities in Brussels for workshops and meetings. If you don’t know these facilities then have a look at the project videos from the first project workshop found here: [www.languages.dk/methods/Video\\_Gaelic\\_medium.html](http://www.languages.dk/methods/Video_Gaelic_medium.html) (upstairs vacant facilities), [www.languages.dk/methods/Video\\_Basque\\_medium.html](http://www.languages.dk/methods/Video_Basque_medium.html) (conference room B), [www.languages.dk/methods/Video\\_Dutch\\_medium.html](http://www.languages.dk/methods/Video_Dutch_medium.html) (conference room A)
- Hotel discounts due to EfVET negotiations with Brussels Hotel
- Dissemination
- Use of EfVET website

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## Expert Working Group / European Commission

In January 2003, I responded to a request from EfVET/ EVTA for nominations to join a European Commission 'expert' working group on 'Basic Skills, Foreign Language teaching and Entrepreneurship'. This was one of a number of groups established by the Commission "to implement EC Education Council objectives with a view to developing an integrated approach to education and training policy in Europe." I was asked to join the group and attended my first meeting in Graz in April 2003.

The group had been meeting since January 2001, and was enlarged in January 2003, with representation from groups such as EfVET/EVTA, but also with representatives from the candidate countries.

The major task during 2003 has been to address three key issues in relation to basic skills:

1. Identifying new basic skills, and determining how these skills, together with the traditional basic skills, can be better integrated into the curricula, learned and maintained through life
2. Making attainment of basic skills genuinely available to everyone, including those less advantaged, those with special needs, school drop-outs and adult learners
3. Promoting official validation of basic skills, in order to facilitate continuing participation in education and training, and to promote employability.

The work has progressed in relation to creating definition of concepts relating to basic skills or 'key competences' (the group's preferred term); mapping of related work in the field; and identification of themes for the exchange of good practice.

A report presenting the relevant policy conclusions and recommendations for future action has been prepared. A copy of this report, which will be presented to the Commission in November, can be obtained from me at [wpawson@dewsbury.ac.uk](mailto:wpawson@dewsbury.ac.uk) or from [phodgson@nortcoll.ac.uk](mailto:phodgson@nortcoll.ac.uk)

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### EU WORKING GROUPS ON OBJECTIVES

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<b>B</b>	Basic Skills, foreign language teaching, entrepreneurship	1.2 <i>Developing the skills for the knowledge society</i> 3.2 <i>Developing the spirit of enterprise</i> 3.3 <i>Improving foreign language learning</i>	Wendy Pawson Principal Dewsbury College UK Tel +44 (0)1924 436202 Fax +44 (0)1924 436201 e-mail <a href="mailto:wpawson@dewsbury.ac.uk">wpawson@dewsbury.ac.uk</a>
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<b>H</b>	Making learning attractive, strengthening links with working life and society	2.2 <i>Making learning more attractive</i> 3.1 <i>Strengthening the links work and research, and society at large</i>	Carlo Frising CEPL Chambre des Employés Privés du Luxembourg Tel +352 44 40 91 643 Fax +352 44 40 91 650 e-mail <a href="mailto:carlo.frising@cepl.lu">carlo.frising@cepl.lu</a>

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