

VET providers platform and VET week

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EUCEN and Europe (i)

The contribution of EUCEN at European level – Processes

- **Initiating and leading dialogue**

Practice, research and policy development in dialogue for innovation – giving support for institutional development of ULLL (e.g. strategy development, provision, quality, staff development...)

- **Producing and valorising new knowledge**

Collecting professional experience and knowledge, structure it, evaluate it, discuss it, enrich it and disseminate and valorise it.

Main instrument: European projects, mainly with our members

- **Contributing to European Policy development**

Policy and position papers, contributions to debates, working groups, presentations at all levels – on-going feeding into policy development with different units of the European Commission (e.g. DG Employment with VET issues and Adult Learning issues)

European Commission, other Stakeholders

EUCEN and Europe (ii)

The contribution of EUCEN at European level – Instruments

- **Annual European conferences and events**
 - Spring Annual conference
 - Autumn Seminar: staff development event
 - Policy Talks (starting in 2016)
 - Since 1991 there has been • 47 conferences with about 4700 participants in 23 different countries; Proceedings; Study visits in 12 different countries • 3 autumn seminars
- **EU projects since 2001**
 - **EUCEN** has been contractor of 19 EU projects, and coordinator for third parties of 3 other projects
 - **EUCEN** has supported 31 projects of members through experts, evaluators, as dissemination expert, etc
 - **EUCEN** has managed project funds of over 9 million €
- **Collaboration with National ULLL Networks (NN)**
 - Exchange of information, feeding into the European debate
 - **EUCEN** Conferences with theme of European/national relevance
 - Strengthening the NNs for ULLL to improve their roles

Current Activities (i)

EUCEN projects

- Current Projects:
 - **COMMIT** – Committing to the Social Dimension in universities (Oct'13 - May'16): Tools and events for HEIs to review and enhance their policies on SD <http://commit.EUCEN.eu>
 - **HE4u2** – Integrating Cultural Diversity in Higher Education (Jan'16 - Dec'18): Reform teaching and learning in HE <http://he4u2.EUCEN.eu>
 - **TANDEM** – with EVBB and CHAIN5: VET and HE, HVET and SCHE and work-based learning at levels 4 and 5 <http://www.eucen.eu/projects/tandem->
- Recently finished:
 - **DIALOGUE** – Bridges between Research and Practice in ULLL (Jan'11 - Dec'13): Case Studies, barriers and enhancing factors for improving the communication between professionals <http://dialogue.EUCEN.eu>
 - **OBSERVAL-Net** – A stakeholder-centric network of organisations looking at supporting the validation of non-formal and informal learning (VNIL) in Europe <http://www.observal-net.eu>

Current Activities (ii)

Recent publications

- Observatory on validation of non-formal and informal learning (VNIL). OBSERVAL (2007-2010) collected over 100 documents on this topic. OBSERVAL-Net (2011-2013) reviewed and enhanced this environment
<http://www.observal-net.eu>
- Cooperate to Validate. Experts Reports on VNIL 2013. OBSERVAL-Net (2011-2013). eBook highlighting the main current issues in VNIL in Europe
<http://www.observal-net.eu>
- Policy Report and Recommendations – Bridges between Research and Practice in ULLL. Detailed book to help researchers/practitioner developing their dialogue and collaboration – DIALOGUE (2010-2013)
<http://dialogue.EUCEN.eu>
- On-line training materials for staff in ULLL (set of materials in 5 different topics, a manual and a set of recommendations) – IMPLEMENT (2010-2012)
<http://implement.EUCEN.eu/>

Current Activities (iii)

More recent publications

- Pathways and Policies – Recommendations: “*Pathways for Lifelong Learning Universities*“. Detailed book explaining the background that lead to the result of the ALLUME project (2009-2011) <http://allume.EUCEN.eu>
- Set of Tools and Results for self-analysis of HEIs. ALLUME (2009-2011) <http://allume.EUCEN.eu>
- LLL Policy Implementation – Trends and recommendations. COMPASS (2009-2010) focused on the gap between the policy making processes at European level and the situation on the ground in their own context <http://compass.EUCEN.eu>
- National Reports, transversal analysis and matrix summarizing the policy developments against impact, success, etc. COMPASS (2009-2010) <http://compass.EUCEN.eu>

Current Activities (iv)

Next conferences and events

- **Spring Conferences**
 - Dublin (IE), Wed01-Fri03 June 2016 | ***Crossing Borders through Lifelong Learning: enhancing quality and equity in Higher Education***
<http://dublin2016.EUCEN.eu/>
 - Mainz (DE), Wed07-Fri09 June 2017 | Title to be confirmed
- **EUCEN Autumn seminar**
 - Barcelona (ES), Thu 24-Fri 25 November 2016 | ***Digitalisation in University Continuing Education***
<http://autumn2016seminar.EUCEN.eu>
- **EUCEN Policy Talks**
 - Dublin (IE), Tue 024 June 2016 | ***COMMIT final Seminar*** and celebration of **EUCEN's 25th Anniversary**
<http://commit.EUCEN.eu/activities>

VET Providers Associations

→ VET Providers Platform

→ VET4U2

→ EUCEN

→ EUproVET

→ EVTA

→ EVBB

→ EURASHE

→ EfVET

European VET Policy

- European Commission and VET
- DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- VET Skills Week (5 to 9 December 2016 – Brussels)
- National events before and during
- VET Providers Forum and European Business Forum (Thursday 8Dec16)
- VET apprenticeships open days (all week)
- CVET: VET for Life (6 and 7Dec16)

Thank you!

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