

"Quality in Mobility within the Lifelong Learning Programme"



Cankarjev dom, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 12 – 13 June 2008



The international mobility of individuals as a tool for the achievement of goals of the Lisbon strategy is gaining on importance on the European and national level. When considering mobility, the issue at stake is not only the increase in the quantity of individual mobility, but also its quality. Improved quality of mobility brings increased impact on the individual and for the organization, as well as for the broader environment.

The Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) dedicates the major part of its activities and financial support to transnational mobility. The goal of every participating country is to improve the quality and impact of mobility. At the conference entitled "Quality in Mobility within the Lifelong Learning Programme", a broad discussion focusing on supporting EU and national processes will take place during Slovene presidency to the EU.

The objective of the conference, organized by

Centre of the Republic of Slovenia for Mobility and European Educational Programmes-CMEPIUS, the Ministry of Education and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia and the European Commission, Directorate-General for Education and Culture, is to prepare recommendations for the improvement of accessibility of mobility and enhancement of quality, recognition and impact of staff mobility. The discussion will include perspectives and practices of the European and national policies as well as organizations and individuals, which participate in international mobility.

Special attention will be given to mobility projects of high quality within programme actions. The exhibition of selected European projects, publications of success project stories and the European Lifelong Learning Award for quality in mobility ceremony dedicated to the 15 winning projects in five categories of LLP mobility (Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig and Languages) will demonstrate the success and impact of the Lifelong Learning programme and disclose the opportunities, which the programme offers.



The events:

All the activities will take place in Ljubljana Congress centre Cankarjev dom;

THURSDAY, 12 June 2008

- **LLP Committee meeting**
- **Meeting of the Directors of National agencies for LLP**
- Joint meeting of the Directors of National agencies for LLP and of the LLP Committee will for the first time join in the discussion on political decision-making and implementation.

Translation into 6 languages (EN, FR, DE, ES, IT, SI) will be provided at the Committee meeting, while the meeting of directors and the joint meeting will take place only in English.

Gala dinner with dr. Milan Zver, Minister of Education and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia, Mr. Ján Figel', European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth, Ms. Ljudmila Novak, member of the European Parliament and other important guests will be an opportunity for social gathering and **presentation of nominations** for European Lifelong Learning Award for quality in mobility.

FRIDAY, 13 June 2008

The exhibition of 15 award winning and 10 Slovenian nominated projects will be set up at the conference entrance hall.

The conference will be opened by the Minister of Education and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia, dr. Milan Zver, and European Commissioner for Education, Training Culture and Youth Mr. Ján Figel', who will also present **the European Lifelong Learning Award for quality in mobility**.



Participants from 33 countries (apart from 31 participating countries in the programme also representatives of Republic of Croatia and Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia will be present), i.e. representatives of ministries in the LLP Committee, Directors of National agencies and their colleagues, experts in the area of mobility, social partners, representatives of organisations, involved in international projects and individuals, who experienced mobility, will try to answer key questions, such as: "How to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Lifelong Learning Programme? What does quality in international mobility mean and how can it be improved?"





After two **introductory key-note plenary contributions** on mobility, short presentations and a broader discussion with the aim of preparing suggestions and initiatives will continue in **two working sessions**:

Mobility for all – removing the barriers

Enhancing mobility by increased accessibility for all: identifying existing barriers and removing its obstacles. Can we create new opportunities by pooling the available resources in view of funding and other socio-economic issues.

Staff mobility - a drive for change

Enhancing the quality and impact of teaching and training staff mobility; How to enhance the impact of teacher, trainer, mentor mobility on organizational and system level? How to stimulate organization's leadership to promote, recognize and ensure longer sustainability of individual mobility? What type of mobility for what kind of impact?

Summary of discussions, opinions, suggestions and findings from both working sessions will be presented in plenary at the end of the conference and gathered in common recommendations for the future developments in the mobility within LLP.

Success Stories of Lifelong Learning Programme and Awards

■ **European Success Stories** in the area of mobility for all LLP sectoral programmes; Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig and Languages, will be chosen on the basis of common quality criteria and published in four brochures. The brochures will be published in four languages (ENG, DE, FR and SI) and will aim to promote mobility within the *Lifelong Learning Programme*.

■ **The European Lifelong Learning Award for quality in mobility** will be awarded to three best mobility projects in all five categories (Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig and Languages). Award-winners will be selected on the basis of common quality criteria by a group of independent external experts in cooperation with the European Commission and National Agencies for LLP, which nominated the projects.

■ **The exhibition** of 15 award-winning projects and 10 nominated projects from Slovenia, will present the success stories in mobility projects. It will be set up in the foyer of the conference venue and will be on display throughout the second day of the event.



Registration

Invitations with the draft programme will be sent out by the organizers via e-mail in April. Registration, online booking of accommodation and additional information will be available at the web page of the conference: www.qim.si.



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