

REFINE – Lithuanian network

Partners, Tools, Activities and Budget

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SHORT DESCRIPTION OF PARTNERS

University

KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (KTU)

Kaunas University of Technology is the biggest technical University in the Baltic States. University offers 36 bachelor, 11 professional qualification, and 61 master study programs. Having acquired the master degree one may choose postgraduate studies.

The main study fields are as follows:

- Technology sciences,
- Physical sciences,
- Social sciences,
- Humanities,
- Art,
- Biomedical sciences.

In recent years Continuing Education programs, especially in Social sciences became very popular. There is substantial number of students studying for MSc degree after having a work related break of many years. Testing within REFINE is planed among the above described interviewees.

Vocational training

KAUNAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND CRAFTS (KCCIC)

Kaunas Chamber of CIC represents interests of the regional companies and strives for better business conditions and wider export possibilities. Businessmen make a use of the databases of business proposals (~ 8000 proposals). The Chambers Organizes regularly consultative seminars (~ 60 seminars per year), receives business delegations from abroad (~ 20 delegations per year), arranges directing studies, etc. The Chambers has signed 30 international co-operation agreements and participates in 12 international projects.

Kaunas CCIC has its Vocational Training Department. Involvement in REFINE is important because this enables to make testing in the vocational training sector where informally acquired qualification is very important. Interviewees – applicants of Kaunas Labour market training centers – people having vocational qualification and upgrading it.

Adult education

KAUNAS REGION EDUCATION CENTRE (KREC)

Kaunas region education centre is a part of Kaunas region administration, culture, education and sports department, functioning from 1994. One of the main aims of the centre is to enable teachers, culture and sports workers raise their qualification. We prepare programmes together with university professors, specialists of ministry of Education and Science, education centre's senior specialists and teachers-practitians.

Qualification programmes are created every 6 months considering educational demands and priorities of the country and region as well as the demands of region's teachers', education, culture and sports specialists. One of the most important functions of the centre's activities is project work. The centre participates actively in regional, national and international projects during which the participants gain knowledge, create educational devices, methodical material and modules, visit various institutions abroad and share their experience. The centre co-operates with national as well as European teachers' and adult education institutions: Lithuanian universities and colleges, professional development centre in Finland, Nesna University College in Norway, Kranj gymnasium in Slovenia, adult professional centre in Greece and Ostrava University continuous education institute.

Involvement in REFINE would be somewhat similar to University sector however would enable broadening of the results. Interviewees – applicants of the KREC.

2. Interviews

5 interviewees are planned for each sector.

3. Tools to be tested

Euro CV

4. Timetable of activities for 2004

April: first meeting of the Lithuanian Network
End of June: definition of work-plan and budget
September: testing of tools
End of September: single reports written by partners
October: comprehensive report written by KTU
November 4-6: meeting in Kaunas