

# **Refine – Portuguese Network**

## ***Partners, Tools, Work Plan and Budget***

### **July 2004**

#### **1) Short Description of Partners**

##### **University sector**

##### **University of Aveiro**

The University of Aveiro was founded in 1973 and is recognised as one of the most dynamic and innovative universities in the country. It offers undergraduate courses in many different areas: engineering, the sciences and technologies, health, economics, management, accounting, planning, the arts, the humanities and education.

Besides providing university education, the University of Aveiro also provides polytechnic education at the three Schools that are part of it:

- The Higher School of Health Sciences of the University of Aveiro (ESSUA)
- The Higher School of Technology and Management of Águeda (ESTGA)
- Institute of Higher Education for Accountancy and Administration of Aveiro (ISCAA)

The University of Aveiro sustains the quality of its teaching with excellence in its nationally and internationally recognised research, while collaborating with industry and business and the community at large.

##### **AUPEC - Association of Portuguese Universities for the Continuing Education**

This Association is the result of a covenant signed in December 1999 by five Portuguese universities: University Aberta, University of Algarve, University of Aveiro, University of Minho and Universidade of Porto. In the first general assembly they had admitted a further six universities to membership: University of Beira Interior, University Portuguese Catholic, University of Coimbra, University of Madeira, University Technique of Lisbon and University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto-Douro.

The AUPEC aims are: to promote and develop Continuing Education in the Portuguese Universities, to promote the interchange of experiences and cooperation between centres of Continuing Education, to promote the research on Continuing Education, to represent the common interests of the Centres of Continuing Education of the Universities to others and to defend the common interests of its members.

The creation of this Association results from the challenge created by the need to establish Continuing Education as a university activity. This collective effort of the universities follows identical developments in other European countries such as Finland, France, Great Britain and Ireland where similar associations exist.

## **Vocational training sector**

### **CenFoRaz – Centre of Formation of Oliveira de Azeméis**

CenFoRaz is a centre of professional training directed at teachers in basic and secondary education, to perfect and to bring up to date their knowledge and skills.

## **Entrepreneur Association**

### **AIDA - Industrial Association of the District of Aveiro**

The AIDA's mission is to represent, defend, promote and support the private sector companies of the District of Aveiro, functioning as a platform of intervention of the economic-social interests of the Region.

This Association offers the following services: support to the entrepreneur (it is important to distinguish the recently created Store of the Entrepreneur), professional training, organization of seminars and management of projects directed to the production enterprises.

The Project Store of the Entrepreneur congregates in one same physical space diverse public and private entities with services of support to the enterprise activity and has innovative characteristics at the national level.

## **Builders**

### **NOVOPCA**

The NOVOPCA is a company of Civil Construction and Public Works established in 1947. Since its foundation, the NOVOPCA has kept its identity, developing its culture while respecting the spirit that guided its founders. Based in its tradition and experience the company constantly looks to new challenges, adopting innovative technologies and adapting itself to the more frequent mutations of the market conditions. With a position consolidated nationally in the branch of the Civil Construction and Public Works, NOVOPCA has had continued success in recent years with an expansion in the volume of its business resulting from a strategy guided by the search of new markets along with the deepening of the commercial relations with its traditional customers. To manage with rigour and to provide the personal and professional valuation of its human resources are

factors that the NOVOPCA continues to develop in order to realise an effective improvement in competitiveness and to guarantee safety and excellence.

## **Youth organisation**

### **APCC - Association for the Cultural Promotion of the Child**

The APCC is a non-governmental, nationwide, not-for-profit organization that develops socio-cultural and educative activities to occupy the free time of children and young people. All the interventions of the Association are based on the guiding principles of solidarity, equality, cooperation, defence of the environment and on the experience acquired throughout two decades, combining play aspects with educative components. Its objectives are: the holistic development of the individual, promoting the values of justice, responsibility, respect for the difference, and motivating the individuals to take a more active and constructive role in society in an intercultural perspective. Currently the APCC organizes activities in diverse areas: vacation activities, exchanges between young people, entertainers training, cooperation projects with other Portuguese speaking countries, expositions, seminars and animation of groups. These activities rely on the regular support of the State Secretary for Youth - Portuguese Institute of Youth – and of other public and private entities.

## **2) Tools to be tested**

ECTS

Portfolio (Europass):

- Euro CV
- MobiliPass
- Diploma Supplement
- Certificate Supplement
- European Language Portfolio

Each partner will select a tool appropriate to their client group.

### 3) Work Plan

<b>Project: REFINE</b>				
<b>Stage in life of project</b>	<b>Outputs: By the end of this stage we will have achieved / produced</b>	<b>Activities leading to this output</b>	<b>Activity to be started by this date and completed by this date</b>	<b>Partners / Persons involved</b>
<b>YEAR 1 2004</b> 1 Preparation of testing activities	Concrete plans and a detailed work programme	National group meetings Preparing of testing tools	January to July 2004	Portuguese network
2 Testing	Sector reports on results of the tests; national report	Testing of tools with real candidates in all sectors	September to October 2004	Portuguese network
3 Partners Meeting 1	Meeting report	Preparation of meeting Report from each test activity Working meeting to share experiences and develop methodology for comparative work	October to November 2004	Portuguese co-ordinator + 4 representatives from national network
<b>YEAR 2 2004-5</b> 4 Comparison of results	Comparative reports from sectoral associations and national networks	Work in national groups and virtual groups to compare result and review tools Sharing experience and finding out needs for cooperation between sectors in Portugal	December 2004 to April 2005	Partners and Portuguese network
5 Evaluation of testing and quality assurance arrangements	Recommendations for modifications	Work in national and European networks to identify modifications to tools, procedures, and quality arrangements	May to September 2005	Partners and Portuguese network
6 Partners Meeting 2	Final report on comparison of modifications	Preparation of meeting Comparative analysis Modification tools	October to November 2005	Partners and Portuguese network
7 Dissemination of results	Dissemination event	Preparation of event 2-day conference with workshops	November 2005	Portuguese co-ordinator + 4 representatives from national network
8 Writing of report and recommendations	Final report to Commission	Liaison and writing	October to December 2005	Co-ordinator and partners