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## EUCEN's 39th Conference Call for Contributions

<http://www.ulapland.fi/eucen2010>

**EUCEN's next conference, "Lifelong Learning for the New Decade", will be held in Rovaniemi (FI). The University of Lapland feels proud to be our host.**

In the new decade, universities will face challenges to develop learning including social and economic activities which are sustainable.

The newly emerging concept is 'restorative education'. It originally refers to the relation between people, nature and constructed environment, especially architecture. Restorative education uses an environmental-psychological approach to show how something has broken down or been disturbed either in the human or physical environment and how an equilibrium is restored by

introducing certain measures.

There are often many ways to apply restorative education to solving individual, social or communal problems and situations through learning. Examples can be found in the areas of restorative justice, creative economy, sustainable environmental technology, the production of touristic and cultural experiences, multiculturalism, renewing life situation that require the acquisition of new knowledge and skills.

The EUCEN 2010 organising committee welcomes proposals for workshops which present innovative and creative ideas and approaches in lifelong learning under the following themes:

- Lifelong learning, universities and socio-economic approaches,
- University and its role in facilitating innovations in lifelong learning at local, regional or international level,
- Lifelong learning and the environment.

Are you interested? Do you have any experience to share? Please send in your abstract by **15 January 2010** by using the online submission form available on the conference web page. The maximum length of abstracts is 450 words (5000 marks) for a paper and 150 words for a poster.

*We look forward to receiving your contributions very soon and to see you in Lapland in late May 2010!*



## General Assembly in Jönköping and new member of the Steering Committee of EUCEN

[http://www.eucen.org/about/steering\\_committee.html](http://www.eucen.org/about/steering_committee.html)

EUCEN's General Assembly met during the Jönköping Conference in early November. The most important items were the approval of the budget for 2010, the modification to the Internal Regulations and the election of one new member of the Steering Committee. There was only one candidate, Dr Esko Paakkola, Director at the Continuing Education

Centre of the University of Joensuu (FI). Voting took place and the members accepted unanimously the candidate. Congratulations Esko! Now it's time to work.



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## New Commissioners - DG Education and Culture will be led by the Cypriot, Androulla Vassiliou



[http://ec.europa.eu/commission\\_designate\\_2009-2014/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/commission_designate_2009-2014/index_en.htm)

[http://ec.europa.eu/commission\\_designate\\_2009-2014/mission\\_letters/pdf/vassiliou\\_education\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/commission_designate_2009-2014/mission_letters/pdf/vassiliou_education_en.pdf)

The President of the EC, J M Barroso, announced on 27 November the list of new Commissioners for the period running to 31 October 2014.

The new Commissioners will have to gain approval from the European Parliament before they start their work.

This approval will take place on 11– 19 January 2010, in Brussels.

The Commissioner for the Directorate of Education and Culture is the Cypriot Androulla Vassiliou. On her mission's letter, she gives as priorities to (i) shape the right

framework for skills (ensuring that the education and training systems are fully in line with the current EU needs) and (ii) promoting cooperation between education, innovation and research policies.

## New DOLCETA modules

<http://www.dolceta.eu>

EUCEN is very pleased to announce that two new DOLCETA modules, one on "Sustainable consumption" and another one on "Services of general interest" are now available online.

We invite you to have a look at the new modules and to disseminate information to your colleagues.

DOLCETA has produced so far eight different modules for the 27 EU Member States.

Please, consult the project web site and send us your feedback to:

[dolceta.team@dolceta.eu](mailto:dolceta.team@dolceta.eu)

We wish you find the content interesting and useful.



**Androulla Vassiliou, new Commissioner for DG E&C will prioritise shaping the right framework for skills and promoting cooperation between education, innovation and research policies during her mandate.**

## Thesaurus for education systems in Europe

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education/eurydice/documents/tools/116EN.pdf>

The thesaurus for education systems in Europe (TESE) is a carefully selected list of key-words from the field of education (a so called multilingual controlled vocabulary) that serves as a reliable tool to retrieve information on education systems in Europe. It is designed by the Eurydice

Network as an indexing tool for all European providers of education information.

The 2009 edition of TESE is available on the Eurydice website in 15 language versions: Czech, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian,

Spanish and Turkish. The Latvian version is currently being prepared.

You can consult and download the thesaurus for free in three formats (xml, pdf and csv) and three displays (alphabetic, systematic and rotated). You can choose your preferred language version in the drop down menu in the



## EQF Pro, Articulation between vocational and academic learning

<http://www.eucen.org/EQFpro/index.html>

The University of Porto (PT) was an excellent host for the final dissemination event of EUCEN's project "EQF Pro" on 26-27 November.

The meeting, which had created high interest, brought together 35 participants from different European countries.

The keynote speakers, Prof Azevedo (Follow up Bologna group), Eva Cendon (Berlin University for Professional Studies) and Brendan McCormack (Institute of Technology, Sligo) were excellent vehicles for a very productive discussion about employability and the progression aspects of the

EQF system in Europe.

The recommendations of this event will be integrated in the final report of the project. In the meantime, we invite you to visit the web of the project, enter the new section (Porto event) and see/download the presentations from the event.



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