

Highlights:

- European Forum for non-formal and informal learning
- First OBSERVAL Prize
- Launch of the Observatory for non-formal and informal learning
- Draft minutes from the last General Assembly available on-line
- Survey on training needs for leadership and management professions in HE
- Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2010!

European Forum, 1st OBSERVAL Prize and relaunch of the observatory



<http://www.eucen.org/OBSERVAL/index.html>
<http://www.observal.org/observal>

Just shortly before the last EUCEN Conference took place in the city of Jönköping (E), another international event was held in their University. The European Forum of the OBSERVAL project (a three year project, which started in November 2007 and which is funded through the Leonardo da Vinci Program) brought together partner experts on the Validation of Non-formal and informal learning covering different educational sectors (HE, VET, 3rd sector) from nearly all European Member States. The two day event was characterized through vivid discussions and presentations about key issues, analyses and exchange of experiences concerning the produced materials within the project.

A highlight was the award of the first Observal Prize for the best case study presenting validation practices of Non-formal and informal learning in Europe. Special emphasis was given also to the presentation and discussion of the Observatory, an interactive-website and database, which will soon provide the opportunity for in-depths analyses and

insights on good practices in the field of Validation of Non-formal and informal learning throughout Europe. Towards the end of the event, EUCENS President Michel Feutrie outlined the future-perspectives for the 3rd year within this successful cooperation project.

For further information please contact the project Director: [Oliver Janoschka](#)



Good team-work: Swiss-team (Furio Bednarz, Janine Voit and Saskia Weber) receive happily first Observal Prize from expert Mireie Poguet.

Draft Minutes from the General Assembly in Jönköping and next meeting



http://www.eucen.org/members/networkrecords/JONKOPING_GA_papers.html

The draft minutes from EUCEN's last General Assembly (Jönköping, 7 November 2009) are now available for members to download and read.

If you attended this meeting, please, read the content carefully and let us know if there is anything that needs modifying or adding. Thank you. Please

contact [EUCEN's Executive Office](#).

The next meeting of the General Assembly will take place in Rovaniemi (Finland), during the 39th EUCEN European Conference. Formal notification about the date and location of the meeting will be sent to members in due course. We hope to see you there!

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Training needs for leadership and management professions in European Higher Education Institutions

<http://www.highereducationmanagement.eu/>

The platform for HE Modernisation has launched a survey with the title "Training needs for leadership and management professions in European HE institutions".

European higher education is going through a transition period in which a new relationship between society and higher education institutions is being developed. As part of this new relationship the

leadership and management structures and functions of higher education institutions are expected to become more professional. For this professionalisation specific investments and actions are needed. This questionnaire is part of an EU-funded project aimed at supporting the professionalisation by creating an open European Platform as an instrument for the disse-

mination of good practices and joint actions with respect to institutional leadership and management in higher education. It is specifically aimed at identifying specific training needs higher education institutions in Europe have when it comes to their staff in leadership, management and administration functions.

*Merry Christmas
and all the best
for 2010!*

Merry Christmas and all the best for 2010 from the EUCEN team in Barcelona



All the members of the staff of EUCEN (in Barcelona or not) and the members of the Steering Committee would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas session and the very best for the new year. We hope it will be full of work but also success.

Have a great holiday!



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