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## **Lifelong Learning for the New Decade. Restorative education**

<http://www.ulapland.fi/eucen2010>  
<http://www.ulapland.fi/?Deptid=29254>

The period for submission of contributions for the next EUCEN Conference has finished now. We have received many abstracts which the Scientific Committee of the conference is carefully reading to take a decision upon each. Those who have sent an abstract will be receiving feedback

from the Scientific Committee **by 15 February.** *Now is time to register!* We recommend you not to wait any longer and proceed to book your flights straight away. The cost will keep steadily increasing as time for the conference approaches. We suggest two possible



ways of travelling to Rovaniemi. One would be flying directly there (usually this will have a stop over in Helsinki). The other way -takes longer but might be a bit of an adventure!- is to fly to Helsinki and then take the night train to Rovaniemi. Please, do not forget that in late May there are only around four hours of complete night in Lapland, so your train journey will be unusual and maybe even good fun if you travel with other colleagues or friends. So, please, visit the conference official website, click on 'Registration' and proceed to register and to book your hotel on-line (you can do that on the same registration form).

*We look forward to receiving your registration!*



*Panoramic view of the forest in the outskirts of Rovaniemi.*

## **New Vice-President of EUCEN**

[http://www.eucen.eu/about/organisation/steering\\_committee](http://www.eucen.eu/about/organisation/steering_committee)

The Steering Committee of EUCEN, in their latest meeting in Barcelona 22 January, unanimously agreed that Alison Hughes (University of Liverpool, UK) be the new Vice-President of EUCEN. Alison, who has served in the Steering Committee for three years, has been representing EUCEN at the DG Education & Culture's Adult Learning Working Group in Brussels since

June 2008. She has also been the link between EUCEN's Steering Committee and the National Networks members of our Association. Alison will continue undertaking these roles to the end of her mandate.

*Congratulations, Alison!*



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## The New Web Site of EUCEN

<http://www.eucen.eu>

EUCEN is very pleased to announce EUCEN's new web site. The new web site uses the address *eucen.eu* at the moment.

You can still open the old web site for the time being and using the usual *eucen.org* address, if you need to read archive files.

Eventually there will be only one web site that you will be able to visit using either *eucen.org* or *eucen.eu* (we

will inform you when this happens).

Some of the new features that you will discover in the new web site include:

- a self-registering system— you will need to register and remember your login and password to access the members' area of EUCEN. You can already start registering now if you wish;
- a system for members of

EUCEN to insert their own news, for example, related to conferences;

- a system for anyone to reply to EUCEN's calls for contributions to papers.

Please, visit the new web site, register on-line as soon as you can and start using the features available.

Our intention is to keep improving the new web. Thus, your comments are welcome.



## EUCEN's Response to the Consultation on the Future EU 2020 strategy

[http://www.eucen.eu/documentation/eucen\\_responds](http://www.eucen.eu/documentation/eucen_responds)

EUCEN has submitted to the European Commission the response to the their consultation on the future 2020 strategy.

Some EUCEN members contributed with very good comments which have been very useful at the time to put together the final response.

You can find the call for consultation as well as EUCEN's final response on the new EUCEN web page (following the link above). Thanks.



The materials produced by the BeFlex Plus project are being used as example of excellence by the European Commission.

## BeFlex Plus materials used at the European Commission as example

<http://www.eucen.eu/2000site/BeFlexPlus/index.html>

The materials produced by EUCEN's recently finished project **BeFlex Plus** are being used at the European Commission as an example of

excellence in terms of outcomes produced by projects funded by DG Education and Training. We feel very proud and happy .

If you have not yet visited the project web site and downloaded the materials, we invite you to do so, through the new EUCEN's web page.



## Strategic meeting of the Steering Committee of EUCEN

<http://www.uab.es/english/>

The Post-graduate School at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) hosted on Thursday 21 January 2010 a Strategic meeting for the Steering Committee of EUCEN.

The Rector's Delegate, Dr Jaume Farres, opened the session and the Coach, Carles Mendieta, lead the Steering Committee through different aspects of analysis, such as the real values of EUCEN, the current services that are offered and what it is needed

(both in economic as well as human terms) in order to achieve better results and offer better services.

EUCEN thanks the UAB and its Post-graduate School for their contribution to a very interesting and productive meeting.



*Coach, Carles Mendieta, with the Steering Committee group of EUCEN during the Strategic session*



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