The countdown has started – COMPASS Consortium launches its online-survey and asks for YOUR support!

PROJECT WEBSITE: http://www.compass.eucen.eu/
SURVEY: http://www.uni-park.de/uc/EUCEN_COMPASS_Survey/

“Making lifelong learning a reality” has been a key objective on the European policy agenda for a long time and remains being a challenge when it comes to its implementation on the national and institutional levels in all educational systems, particularly in Higher Education.

So the question at issue is: Where do the Universities really stand concerning LLL-strategies and what is happening in the institutions in their everyday practice?

The COMPASS Project is dedicated to analyze the current state of play of LLL-strategy development and implementation on the basis of the 10 commitments elaborated in the European University Charter on LLL. So the consortium, consisting of 10 partners from national university networks and universities representing their national LLL networks has prepared a comprehensive questionnaire and invites you and your institution to actively participate in this survey (see the direct link to the survey above).

The COMPASS online-survey is now being launched and all EUCEN members are invited to provide detailed answers concerning their institutional engagement towards LLL-strategies and practices at University level.

We would like to encourage your participation and to dedicate approximately 20 minutes of your time to answer these questions. Your perspectives and opinions as an expert in the academic field are highly appreciated and will help the project to gain a clearer picture on the situation in Higher Education Institutions on LLL issues and the level of strategies implementation.

For further information about the project, please consult the COMPASS web site or send an email to the COMPASS Project Director directly: oliver.janoschka@eucen.org

Rovaniemi Conference: Resources from the event available on EUCEN’s website

Presentations and other documents: http://www.eucen.eu/Rovaniemi2010
Photo Gallery: http://www.eucen.eu/gallery

The University of Lapland and EUCEN are really happy with the attendance and very active participation at EUCEN’s latest Conference. The conference ran smoothly and the participants felt very comfortable and well cared for throughout the event.

We are very pleased to announce that the presentations, contributions and photos from this conference are now available on-line from EUCEN’s website. The links to these resources are listed above. If you have any photographs that you think would be nice to share with the EUCEN community, please send it to the Executive Office of EUCEN at: website@eucen.org
Meeting with the Finnish Minister of Education, Ms Henna Virkkunen, at the EUCEN conference in Rovaniemi

EUCEN’s latest conference “Lifelong Learning for the New Decade” held in Rovaniemi, Finland, 27-29 May 2010, provided an inspiring forum for over 130 participants coming from 16 different countries, including five participants from China. The University of Lapland received the visit of the Finnish Minister of Education, Ms Henna Virkkunen, to present the latest reforms in Finland in the initial plenary session of this year’s spring conference.

A follow up meeting was organised between the Minister, the Rector of the University of Lapland (Prof Mauri Ylä-Kotola), EUCEN’s President (Michel Feutrie), Prof. Esko Paakkola (from the University of Eastern Finland representing the Finnish partner in the COMPASS Project), Oliver Janoschka (EUCEN’s Projects Director) and Carme Royo (Executive Secretary of EUCEN). The meeting deepened the discussion on current developments of national lifelong learning strategies and their impact for the Higher Education institutions in Finland. In exchange, Michel Feutrie and Oliver Janoschka took the opportunity of presenting the aims and objectives of ALLUME and COMPASS, two of EUCEN’s strategic projects, both aiming at the enhancement and implementation of lifelong learning strategies at institutional and national level. All sides agreed on the high relevance of a close cooperation between national Ministries and national networks like UCEF (Finnish University Continuing Education Network) for the further development of shared priorities and principles in ULLL in Finland and thus throughout Europe. The Minister received the information on EUCEN’s projects like COMPASS and ALLUME with great interest and ensured the Minister’s continuous commitment on LLL-strategies for the future.

What next? Explore with EUCEN what has happened with the Charter on LLL in Europe!

The next EUCEN conference will be held in Lille (FR), 18-20 November 2010. The conference will analyse what has been done so far in Europe in order to implement the Charter on LLL in Universities:

- What have the universities? What have the governments? What are they prepared to do in the near future? The topic cannot be more interesting and important.

Alongside the conference, participants will be able to attend a Study Visit exploring the French HE system.

Please, book these days in your agenda now! You cannot miss this event!

Media & Learning Brussels 2010 Conference

The European Commission (DG Education and Culture) and the Flemish Ministry of Education are organising the “Media & Learning Brussels 2010” conference that will take place in the Flemish Ministry of Education Headquarters in Brussels, 25-26 November 2010.

The conference agenda will focus on three key themes:

- Digital and media skills and competences;
- Fostering the creation of media-based resources at all levels of education and training;
- Use and re-use of existing media resources in education and training.

The conference agenda includes the prize-giving ceremony of the annual MEDEA Awards. Please, visit the link above for further details.