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- Study Visit exploring the French Educational System - Lille (FR)
- Re-launch of the OBSERVAL observatory on non-formal and informal learning
- Conference on Validation in Brussels, 13 October 2010
- On-line survey on the implementation of the Charter on LLL: collaborate to the analysis
- Join the network for integrating virtual mobility and EQF in HE and CE/LLL
- Presentation of the analysis of the implementation of the Charter on LLL - Lille (FR)

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Study Visit in Lille (FR), 18-20 November 2010: Explore the French Education System

<http://sudes.univ-lille1.fr/eucen/>



The Lille conference has planned a very interesting Study Visit programme for Thursday afternoon presenting the French Education System. Participants will be able to choose two out of four themes. The presenters are real users.

Both students and enterprises will explain their experiences and real situations. The four areas presented will be:

- Candidates' stories
- Validation and Human Resources Management

- French Education system and universities practices
- Regional dimension and cross sectoral cooperation

We hope you join us in this event. *The registration form is available on-line. You can enrol now!*

Ready to go: Re-launch of the OBSERVAL Observatory! All materials are available online now!

<http://www.observal.org/observal/>



EUROPEAN OBSERVATORY
OF VALIDATION OF NON FORMAL & INFORMAL LEARNING

How can the transparency and recognition of qualifications and competences acquired in non-formal and informal learning settings be improved? How can best practices developed in the field and in different contexts and sectors among the European Member States be made visible and accessible?

Since the end of 2007, the **OBSERVAL** project has developed a strong network of experts dealing with the practice of recognition of non-formal and informal learning in nearly all European Member States. The network consists of 24 partners from different educational sectors (higher education, vocational education and training, adult education) and is being coordinated by EUCEN.

One of the main achievements of this project is the creation of a fully functioning **Observatory** focused on the validation of non-formal and informal learning throughout Europe. This online platform is a unique and rich resource presenting the most valuable information on validation and recognition issues.

Now, we invite all experts and interested partners and stakeholders to visit the Observatory online to get a first hand insight in all produced and collected materials of the OBSERVAL project.

During the **Final Dissemination Conference on 13 October 2010, the Observatory**, with the key findings and the main project results will be publicly presented.

A broad range of European experts and stakeholders from all sectors are going to be invited to discuss future trends on validation of non-formal and informal learning in Europe.

If you are interested to receive more information about the project or to attend the event, please contact EUCEN's project team projects@eucen.org

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Extended deadline for the COMPASS LLL online survey to 30 September 2010 – We need YOUR cooperation!!



PROJECT WEBSITE: <http://www.compass.eucen.eu/>
 SURVEY: http://www.unipark.de/uc/EUCEN_COMPASS_Survey/

Where do the Universities really stand concerning LLL strategies? Is your institution adopting or trying to adopt the 10 commitments of the European University Charter on LLL? Have you noticed any change of priorities since the Charter was published?

Many of you have already visited our online survey and committed time and effort to contribute to this important European policy and research project. So we would like to thank everybody for their contributions and the results we already received!

At the same time we still need more Universities in Europe to participate so we would like to encourage you and your institution to fill out this survey by **30th September 2010** if you have not found the time yet to participate in it or to finish it.

Your perspectives and opinions as an expert in the academic field are highly appreciated!

The COMPASS consortium, consisting of 10 partners from national university networks and universities, analyzes the current state of play of LLL strategy development and implementation in Higher Education on the basis

of a comprehensive questionnaire.

The 2nd partner meeting took place on 2-3 September 2010 in Barcelona, Spain, preparing the final dissemination event which will coincide with the 40th EUCEN conference in Lille (FR) on 18-20 November 2010.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions concerning the survey, the project or the final dissemination event. Feel free to contact EUCEN's project team:

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Fill in the COMPASS survey and contribute to the analysis on how the Charter on LLL is being implemented. Do not miss your last chance!



COMPASS consortium at the 2nd partner meeting on 2-3 September in Barcelona, Spain

VIRQUAL - Network for integrating Virtual Mobility and European Qualification Framework in HE and CE Institutions

<http://virqual.up.pt/>
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/VIRQUAL/81812403998>

The objective of this network is to help educational and training institutions to achieve Virtual Mobility and to guarantee EQF implementation through e-learning, aiming at finding specific obstacles in institutions and proposing concrete and innovative solutions. VIRQUAL wants to promote cooperation and joint

work among partner organizations and actively link with related initiatives in order to disseminate the project's results and to collect interesting experiences and materials.

VIRQUAL would like to invite and encourage other institutions, projects, networks or initiatives to cooperate with them. To join as associated partner, please

send an email to: virqual@reit.up.pt

including the institution's name, contact details and your area of interest.

And, if you are into using Social Networks, VIRQUAL has a page in Facebook that we encourage you to visit and use.

We hope you enjoy it!



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