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The European Association for University Lifelong Learning

Call for Contributions: **Education as a right - LLL for all!**

http://euicen2011.escuelapograd.es/sites/default/files/GRANADA_CallContributions_FINAL.doc

EUCEN has launched a Call for Contributions for its next conference. The contributions should be focusing in one of the following topics:

1. European targets for widening participation for minorities
2. The role of European Universities in the developing World
3. Supporting university staff in conflict zones
4. Volunteering as a path to education

Contributions can be in the form of presentations or posters for the exhibit.

The objectives of the conference are to:

- Provide participants

with the opportunity to explore different themes in more detail

- Share best practice
- Reflect on their own and their institutions' activities in difference areas
- Prepare and discuss recommendations on policy and practice for European universities, EC, UNESCO and other relevant organisations at national, European or international level

Contributions will be accepted until 18 February 2011 in the form of:

- Case Studies
- Research Results

- Survey or Comparison Analysis

- Critical Analysis/ Reflection

Please, follow the link given above and read in detail about the call for contributions and what would be expected from you as presenter at the conference.

All the accepted presentations and posters will be included in the on-line proceedings that will be published in the conference website after the conference.

Do not delay and send your contribution to carme.royo@euicen.org at the EUCEN Executive Office in Barcelona.

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

- **Contributions for the Granada conference will be accepted until 18 February 2011**
- **Special 10% discount for registrations at the Granada conference until 15 April 2011**
- **EUCEN General Assembly 25-27 May 2011**

Registration has started! **Granada (ES), 25-27 May 2011**

<http://euicen2011.escuelapograd.es/>

The registration period for the EUCEN 41st European Conference has started. Please note that a special **discount of 10%** is available for all participants if the on-line registration takes place **before 15 April 2011**.

HOW TO REGISTER? Please, follow the above link and open your own account on the conference website. The home page has a description on how to create your own account, register and book your accommodation on-line. Your account on the conference website, will enable you to register and modify your registration for the conference, if necessary.



Commemorative logo of EUCEN to celebrate its 20th Anniversary

VIRQUAL announces the dates for its webinars

<http://virqual.up.pt>



VIRQUAL has now set up the dates and characteristics of its three webinars. These will be organised

around the general theme of **e-learning and EQF**. Each one will be focusing in a different topic:

1. **Virtual Mobility (27 April 2011)**
2. **Learning outcomes and e-assessment (18 May 2011)**
3. **EQF - Recognition of competences (20 October 2011)**

The 3 webinars will have a **presentation by an expert followed by an online discussion with the participants**. Participants will be allowed to prepare and send questions during the presentation. The presentation and discussion will take about one hour.

Webinars will be in English. It is expected active participation from all over the World. Participants' enrolment will be done by the TecMinho at Universidade do Minho and by Université de Genève.

You can register for the webinars by email anadias@tecminho.uminho.pt

A final face-to-face event has been scheduled to take place during the VIRQUAL workshop sessions planned at EUCEN's conference (Genoa, Italy, 16-18 November 2011). This workshops will address not only the results of the webinars but also the results of the project.

*Are you interested in e-learning and EQF issues? **VIRQUAL will welcome you into its community!***

Please, visit the project's website and register. You will be periodically informed of any updates and receive the project's publications.

DIALOGUE - Bridges between research and practice in ULLL

<http://www.eucen.eu/current/DIALOGUE>

The kick off meeting of DIALOGUE was held in Barcelona, 25-26 January 2011. The main aim of this multilateral Grundtvig network will be focused on the creation of a European Space for Dialogue between academic research, professional practice in ULLL and European policy makers. In a mutual learning setup, the transfer of research into the field of professional practice in ULLL and the systematic involvement of practitioners in research will be at the heart of the network.

The exchange of key information, best practices and innovative models will be the guiding principle for the upcoming three years and the work

will be structured around four thematic groups: Access and Progression, Learning and Guidance, New Media and Quality.

DIALOGUE will create an European Space between academic research, professional practice in ULLL & the European policy area

Around these themes the partners will compare and analyse case studies, produce national reports and identify key-drivers as well as barriers and constraints to reinforce a real DIALOGUE.

The networking dimension will play an essential role in the internal communication as well as in the outreach to other EUCEN members and the wider expert community in ULLL and Adult Education in Europe.

How can the European policy debate and the DIALOGUE between all stakeholders involved in research and professional practice in ULLL be stimulated and sustained? All partners involved are keen on starting to tackle these key questions and the network will continue the DIALOGUE with all EUCEN members keeping you informed about its progress and findings.



First Lifelong Learning Week at the European Parliament

<http://www.eucis-lll.eu/pdf/events/EUCIS-LLL-Poster-LLLWEEK-EP-March2011.pdf> - <http://www.eucis-lll.eu/>

EUCIS-LLL has organised the *First Lifelong Learning Week* that will be held at the European Parliament in Brussels (BE). The Fair and meetings will take place between 14-17 March 2011.

Amongst the meetings, events and activities that have been scheduled, we want to highlight a Round Table with deputies on the social dimension of education and

training and a Public Hearing on mobility at the European Economic and Social Committee. EUCEN will be present in the Fair and related events.



<http://compass.eucen.eu/>

The **C**ollaboration **O**n **M**odernizing **P**olicies **A**nd **S**ystematic **S**trategies on LLL was the main focus for the COMPASS consortium with its last project meeting being held in Barcelona from the 27-28 of January. The short term project, financed under the transversal programme (KA1) of last year's ECET call was set to receive valuable information during one year on the implementation of LLL strategies on institutional, regional and national level in Europe. Taking reference on the European Universities Charter, two surveys have been prepared, and carried out asking both Higher Education Institutions as well as governmental bodies (Ministries, etc.) about their engagement towards the 10 commitments on LLL.

Thanks to the great commitment of the EUCEN members, the complex online-questionnaire received more than 100 responses from HEI throughout Europe in a short period

of time over summer 2010. In parallel, interviews with key-policy makers were undertaken in those countries represented in the COMPASS consortium.

The project meetings realised in Porto (February 2010) and Barcelona (September 2010) provided the basis for their main dissemination event organised during EUCEN's last conference in Lille (November 2010), where key results were shared and discussed with a broad audience of EUCEN members, EC-representatives and other key-policy makers and experts in Europe.

During the last project meeting in Barcelona in the end of January 2011, the partners reviewed all results and prepared the final dissemination products.

The main aim of these materials is to give a general overview of the different national policies and challenges in order to feed the

European reflection. The analysis was based on the discussion of the three main policy papers: the EU 2020 strategy, the ET 2020 and the Leuven Communiqué. The final result is oriented to bridge the gap between the policy making process of LLL at EU level with statements of various stakeholders and the situation of Universities in their respective contexts

LLL and in particular widening access in HE must become part of our education system to face the demographic change and the regular need to update and develop skills in line with changing economic and social circumstances. Based on the COMPASS findings the key question of the European policy community: "How to make LLL a reality" seems to remain both vision for the future and permanent endeavour in the present for all stakeholders involved.

IMPLEMENT meets in Barcelona

<http://www.eucen.eu/current/Implement>

The partners of IMPLEMENT - *Implementing ULLL through training and development* - met in Barcelona 12-13 January 2011. During this first meeting the consortium had the opportunity to work with the training materials produced by the BeFlex Plus project, which IMPLEMENT will actively exploit during the two years of life of this project.

The consortium, composed by 12 partners (including EUCEN as contractor) will adapt the training materials to the reality of 6 different countries and use them in a local/regional/national context.

IMPLEMENT will develop on-line training materials for ULLL professionals



In addition, the training materials will be made accessible through an interactive on-line platform for ULLL professionals to update their skills and knowledge. The first online tests will be carried out during EUCEN's conference in Genoa (16-18 November 2011). The full test will take place in EUCEN's autumn conference in Malta in November 2012.

FACE annual conference — LLL and community development

<http://www.f-a-c-e.org.uk/conferences.html>



FACE's 2011 annual conference will take place in Glasgow between 29 June and 1 July. The 4 key themes of the conference are:

1. HE provision and its contribution to community development

2. Aimhigher and its Legacy (particular concern in England)
3. Role of Qualifications Frameworks and Accreditation of Prior Learning within community settings
4. Universities and their regional and local role within contracting economies.

If you are interested in any of the above themes, there is a **Call for Papers** for this conference. The deadline for acceptance of papers is **28 March 2011**.

For further information, please, visit the FACE website or send an email to: cradall@educ.gla.ac.uk

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EUCEN was founded in May 1991, during a meeting held in Bristol (UK) with the title: 'Towards a European Universities Continuing Education Network'. The Statutes were registered in Belgium and the Association was legally constituted in 1993.

The most important activities carried out by EUCEN over the last twenty years -and continuing- are:

Organisation of Conferences

Development of Policy

Development of Practices

Leadership and management of European Projects

Sharing of Results

Networking

Lobbying

EUCEN has over 220 members in more than 40 different countries. Its contact with National Networks and other stakeholders gives EUCEN the strength and knowledge that makes it unique of its kind.

EUCEN General Assembly in Granada, 25-27 May 2011

http://www.eucen.eu/members_room/general_assembly

Andrea Waxenegger, President of EUCEN, and the other members of EUCEN's Steering Committee are pleased to announce the next General Assembly of EUCEN, which will be held in Granada (ES), 25-27 May 2011, during EUCEN's 41st European Conference.

The agenda of the meeting will include reports from the President on behalf of all the members of the Steering Committee of EUCEN and the Financial Reports from last year (i.e. the 2010 accounts and the auditor's report). A work programme for the period 2010-2012 will be also presented to members for information. For access to the draft minutes from the previous meeting (Lille, France, November 2010), please

follow the link above. Remember that **only members of EUCEN logged in EUCEN's website have access to these documents**. Please make sure you are registered and logged in before you try to enter to the above link.

The Agenda and related documents for the meeting in Granada will be also available on the above web page in due course. Members will be informed when the documents are ready.

What else? This coming General Assembly coincides with the celebration of the **20th anniversary of EUCEN**. We very much want to share with our members and friends this special occasion.

The Conference fee includes a nocturne visit to the *Alhambra* on Wednesday which we recommend you not to miss!



Above: Panoramic view of the Alhambra.
On the right: Patio of the Lions.
Alhambra, Granada (ES)

