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Next EUCEN conference: “*Border-Crossing as a Viable Choice: Collaboration, Dialogue and Access to Higher Education*”



Valletta (Malta), 07-09 November 2012

The University of Malta is co-organising EUCEN’s 44th European Conference, which builds on the established link between thriving democracies, healthy economies and equitable access to quality, lifelong-learning provisions in Higher Education.

Themes of the conference The conference will be focused into four different themes:

- Border-crossing
- Access
- Collaboration
- Migration

How can you participate? We hope that many EUCEN members will be interested in the topics and will be encouraged to **send contributions** in the form of **Abstracts for panel presentations or/and posters**. If you are interested, please visit the conference website: <http://www.um.edu.mt/events/eucen2012> The Call for Contributions is open and the preliminary programme is already available. *Contributions will be accepted until Wednesday 05 September 2012.*

How to register? Visit the conference website and register on-line. Simple and quick!

OBSERVAL-Net: Launch of the brand new platform on Validation of Non-Formal and Informal Learning




The brand new platform www.observal-net.eu (i.e. exchange platform for practitioners, policy-makers, institutions and learners) has been officially launched 22 June 2012.

Apart from consulting high-quality documents on VNIL in Europe (such as case studies and legal documents) and giving you the opportunity to learn more about the

implementation of VNIL in 27 different countries in Europe, the new platform gives you the opportunity to exchange impressions, news, information, etc on VNIL with other professionals through commenting their materials and periodic online discussions.

Benefits for registered users

Once you register, when you log in you have the option of uploading new documents (e.g. case studies), rating and commenting existing materials, sharing news, creating new polls to obtain information from users, including external links of general or specific interest and creating your individual user library of Favourites regarding VNIL. This new facility will allow you to collect in a personalised section available to you only those documents and external links that you find most useful for your research and your work. **The registration process is free and straightforward.**

Submit your case studies and qualify for the Validation Prize 2013

In October 2013, EUCEN will award a Validation Prize to the best case study in each of the three themes of the project:

- *Bottom Up*
- *Competence profile for VNIL practitioners*
- *Work-based competence development and recognition*

The finalists will be invited to the Award Ceremony, which will take place in Brussels. In order to be eligible for the prize, your new or updated case studies have to be uploaded to the new Observatory by **15 June 2013**. Only registered users will be able to upload materials.

Apart from text documents using the downloadable template form the website, EUCEN encourages users to upload other materials, especially video and audio contributions.

**Your last opportunity to join IMPLEMENT
face-to-face! Valetta (MT), 07-08 November 2012**



IMPLEMENT is a package of **free** on-line learning materials for professionals working in University Lifelong Learning (ULLL). It consists of 5 courses on 'hot topics':

- Exploring Diversity in University Lifelong Learning
- Curriculum in Partnership
- Implementing Institutional Change in University Lifelong Learning
- Recognition of Prior Learning
- Regional Collaboration and Partnership in University Lifelong Learning

The last **free** face-to-face set of workshops (one session for each topic) organised by IMPLEMENT will take place in Malta 07-08 November 2012. Visit the project website <http://implement.eucen.eu> to download the programme and to register.

The on-line courses (available 01 November 2012) are designed for individuals around key learning activities to reflect on your own practice or for groups to do so together. These on-line materials are based on a printed version developed in an earlier project, BeFlex Plus. You can take a look at the filmed round table of experts addressing key questions for ULLL around these 5 topics. Please follow the link from the 'Home' page of the project website.

DIALOGUE: visit the newly re-designed website



The re-designed website of the DIALOGUE project can be visited on <http://dialogue.eucen.eu> now. On the webpage you will find more than 30 case studies about the cooperation and dialogue between researchers and practitioners in University Lifelong Learning in the four project subgroups:

- Access and Progression
- Learning and Guidance
- New Media
- Quality

These case studies are complemented by national overviews, which provide the necessary background about the respective national or regional systems to better understand the case studies.

Building partnerships

Join the DIALOGUE community platform via the project website and share your experiences in practitioner-researcher cooperation with the consortium. *Use the forum to ask questions and to exchange ideas with the community, have access to documentation, create your own groups, post your news, share your materials and much more!*

EUCEN Members and Stakeholders' Activities



- 10th PASCAL International Observatory Conference: "*The role of Higher Education in local and regional social and economical development*" will be held 29-31 October 2012 in Brest (France), with the support of: Université Bretagne Occidentale, Brest Métropole Océane, Conseil general du Finistère, Région Bretagne and the CEREQ centre de Rennes.

The first objective of this conference is to examine the role of Higher Education and of highly educated individuals in a context of economic crisis with high levels of unemployment, especially for young people. The second objective is to examine best practice in these areas from regional and local cooperation between Higher Education Institutions and local stakeholders.

Link: <http://www.univ-brest.fr/conferencepascal2012/?languaged=1>

- The Latin-American network for LLL, RECLA, is collecting Case Studies of good practice for their XVII International Conference "*Educación Continua de alto impacto*" (High impact Continuing Education). The event will be in Spanish. Access to submit cases will be open until 31 August 2012.

Link: <http://www.ubp.edu.ar/recla2012/>

- UBISS-University of Barcelona International Summer School, 02-20 July 2012. Take the opportunity to attend courses taught by university lecturers and experienced professionals from different fields. The UBISS program brings together subjects of general interest in a design that is both thought-provoking and relevant to current issues all in the central historic building of the University of Barcelona.

Link: <http://www.ub.edu/ubiss>

- 25th EADTU annual conference: "*The role of open and flexible education in European higher education systems for 2020: New Models, New Markets, New Media*", Paphos (CY), 27-28 September 2012. The conference will be focusing on: how open and flexible education is organised as an organic part of European higher education systems; implementing new organisational and educational models within frontrunner institutions, capitalizing on new opportunities created by ICT in education; meeting new markets and learning needs; developing open media like open educational resources, YouTube, iTunes U, broadcasting as platforms for open knowledge sharing; developing European open and flexible higher education in a 2020 perspective.

Link <http://www.eadtu.eu/activities/conference2012.html>

