

# Newsletter March 2015

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### 47th eucen Conference in Istanbul



Boğaziçi University  
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The 47th International **eucen** Conference will be held at Boğaziçi University in Istanbul (Turkey) from **Wed 03 to Fri 05 June 2015**, under the title *Building Bridges Together Between HE (Higher Education) and VET (Vocational Education and Training): Diversity in Learning*.

Over 100 participants representing more than 20 different nationalities are already registered to the Conference. Over 30 abstracts related to the Conference's 3 sub-topics (**Connecting VET and HE, Diversity in Learning, Partnerships in review**) have been received. The selection of abstracts to be presented at the Parallel Sessions has taken place and authors are being informed about the result.

The Early Bird Registration period has already finished. However, you still have time to register at [registration.eucen2015.eu](http://registration.eucen2015.eu) until **22 May 2015**. To download the Preliminary Programme, find out more about the registration process or read on further useful information, please visit the Conference site [www.eucen2015.eu](http://www.eucen2015.eu)

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Around 20 participants of the Istanbul Conference will benefit from the **SPECIAL DISCOUNT** offered by the University of Bogaziçi and **eucen!**

**eucen** members who send three or more delegates to the Conference, will get a **reduction of 10%** in every member of staff's registration!

## PROJECTS

### COMMIT | Committing to the social dimension in universities



The invitation to become Associate Partner in COMMIT has started to get results. Three institutions have requested to join us already: Mykolo Romerio Universiteto (LT), Instituto Politecnico de Leiria (PT) and Université Rennes 2 (FR).

Associate partners are not funded but will have the chance to test the Tools produced by the project consortium before they are made available to the general public and will be informed on the project's public activities. Should you want more information on how to become Associate Partner, please contact us at [commit@eucen.eu](mailto:commit@eucen.eu)

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## ERASMUS+ proposal submitted by eucen

### HE4u2 | Integrating Cultural Diversity in Higher Education

eucen has recently submitted the KA3 proposal **HE4u2** | 562237-EPP-1-2015-1-BE-EPPKA3-PI-FORWARD. The proposal includes as partners 7 eucen members. The result of the Call should be announced in Summer.

HE4u2 intends to contribute to the reform of teaching and learning in higher education and the improvement of the retention and attainment of migrants and ethnic minority students. There is a clear need and demand for training of teachers in relation to migrant and ethnic minorities students, for reform in the delivery of support for these learners, and in the intercultural dimension for all learners.

HE4u2 will develop an integrated pedagogical approach to the intercultural dimension of existing curricula, CPD courses for staff, and policy recommendations.

### TANDEM | Flexible pathways connecting VET and HE by taking into consideration the demand

eucen has joined the project proposal TANDEM | 562049-EPP-1-2015-1-DE-EPPKA3-PI-FORWARD submitted by EVBB.

The project builds up upon the demands, analysis and good practices of consortium partners and advocates for flexible modular pathways across education systems and more differentiation regarding the level of education with the aim to drive change and support the policy shift from a local, limited response, towards anticipating, and managing systemic changes. TANDEM will provide quality and accuracy practicalities and expertise that are proven, relevant, credible and reliable worked out by the actors (partners) with influence in terms affecting and being affected.

eucen has accepted to become partner in several EU-funded projects. More details will be announced as soon as they are duly submitted.

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## Current projects

### PACE | Project actors community in Europe



While developing the interactive platform and a new format of face-to face events, the PACE project is organising regular webinars and online discussions to support the process of exchange in the EU project community.

The next PACE webinar will take place 07 May at 11:00 am Central European Time, on the topic of “*Evaluation tools and strategies*”. To register please send an email to [m.satke@dieberater.com](mailto:m.satke@dieberater.com) by **Thursday, 30 April 2015** at the latest!

### TALOE | Time to Assess Learning Outcomes in eLearning



The TALOE Partnership has started a series of webinars entitled “*Talks on E-assessment and Learning Outcomes*”, aimed to put in focus the learning outcomes and assessment methods in e-learning and help teachers and trainers decide on the e-assessment tools and processes.

To keep updated on next webinars or to register, please follow the dedicated TALOE webpage: <http://taloe.up.pt/webinars/>

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## ANNOUNCEMENT FOR MEMBERS

### New eucen identity coming soon!

eucen has already started to use its new corporate identity, including new typeface, logo and illustrations for publications and social media channels.

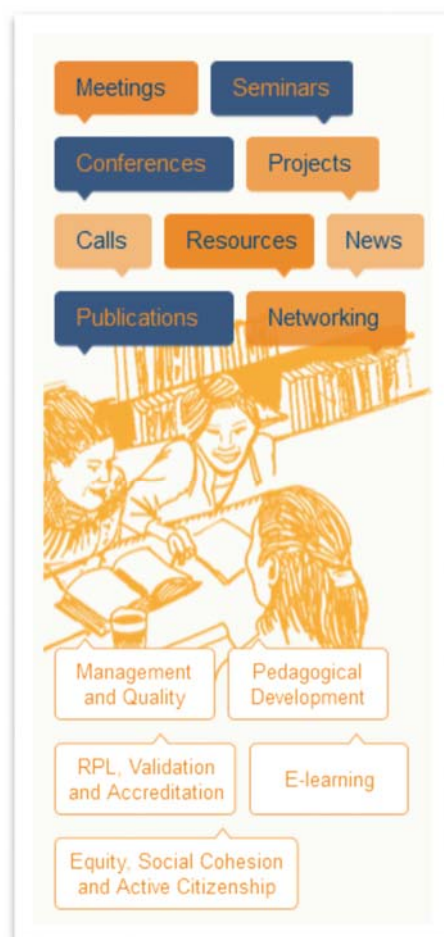
We are also very happy to share that our new website will be launched in June during the eucen 2015 Conference in Istanbul. The new site will be easier to use in all types of devices including mobiles, tablets, laptops and desktop computers. Along with a new look, the website will include new features to make your visit an easier and interactive experience!

#### ■ Easier access to contents

We are introducing simpler and clearer navigation! For example, the homepage will include different categories and main topics for direct access, as shown in the picture on the right.

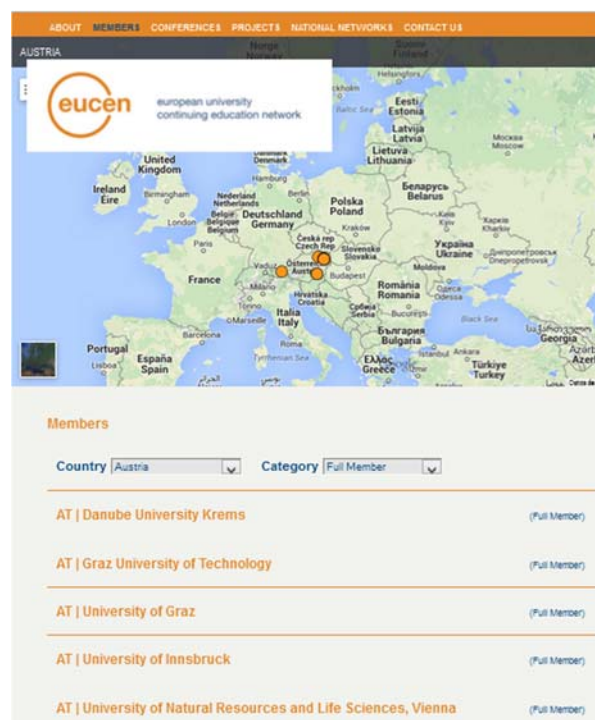
#### ■ Updated information on eucen projects

Latest news, announcements and more resources available to view and download not only about current projects, but also about proposals and completed projects.



#### ■ Specific eucen Members search

The site will allow users to find our Members by country or Membership category.



#### ■ Specific Members' Room

Specific Membership level access to internal documents and information will continue being available on the new web.

Plus much more!

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## 2015 eucen General Assembly

The next General Assembly (GA) of **eucen** members has been formally announced. All members of **eucen** are invited to participate in the next GA that will be held during **eucen's** 47th annual Conference in Istanbul, Turkey, **Wed 03 to Fri 05 June 2015**.

During the next GA there will be elections of up to 8 positions for the Steering Committee of **eucen** (including the President and Treasurer positions). **eucen** representatives of full member universities are invited to stand for the election. They can send their candidacy to the **eucen Secretariat** for the attention of the Secretary General. The period for submitting candidacies closes on Friday **15 May 2015**.

## eucen AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

### ET2020 Working Group on Adult Learning Webinar

**eucen** together with the University of Porto (Portugal) and the University of Geneva (Switzerland) have organised the webinar *'The use of ICT and OER in the training of teachers'* for the ET2020 Working Group on Adult Learning, on Wednesday 11 March 2015.

The Webinar, which was duly recorded, is already available from **eucen's** Moodle platform: [moodle.eucen.eu](http://moodle.eucen.eu).

You can access the files in the moodle platform as a guest or by registering and creating an account.



### eucen representatives in the Advisory Board for VET issues at DG Employment



The mandate for Professor Alfredo Soeiro (University of Porto) as **eucen** representative of the VET4EU2 Group (European VET Provider Associations) has been officially confirmed.

Professor Jean-Marie Filloque (University of Brest) has been appointed as second **eucen** representative in this group, which will meet in Latvia, **17-18 June 2015**.

More information about the upcoming meeting will be made available to **eucen** members. In the meantime, you can take a look at the VET4EU2 website [vetproviders-group.eucen.eu](http://vetproviders-group.eucen.eu), created by **eucen**, which is opened to the public and contains useful links and documents on VET matters.

**Named representatives of Full Member universities of eucen:**

If you are not available to attend **eucen's** next General Assembly in Istanbul, do not forget to fill in your proxy!

Send your filled in form to the **eucen Secretariat** by 15:00CET on **Friday 22 May 2015**

You can find the form in the Members' Room of **eucen's** website

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