

euicen National Network Forum 2014

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Participants:

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Point 1. Welcome and approval of the notes from the previous meeting.

Beate Hörr welcomed all participants. The network representatives approved the report of the previous national network forum held at Charmey (CH) during the 45th EUCEN Conference, May 2013.

Point 2. Review of status

Beate Hörr asked the representatives attending the Forum to update data if there are any changes in status, representation, etc. of national networks on registration form or inform EUCEN headquarter in order to update information on national networks on the EUCEN website and to be able to address the right person.

Point 3. National Networks Reports

Beate Hörr made a short overview of National Network Survey 2014: what has done, what is planned for next year and what would be the key issues for universities in the future. The presentation is attached to the report.

There were some short comments to National Networks reports:

- Suzanne de Jonckheere: We are proud that the Swiss standard for QA was approved by government. In near future there will be 2 new laws regarding education (HE and CE) which leads the educational institutions to a new legal environment.
- Jean Marie Dujardin: There have been changes planned in legislation also in Belgium. For us the important keywords are flexibility, cooperation and transfer of research.
- Ülle Kesli: In Estonia the higher education options were quite flexible, but last year there was higher education reform in Estonia and most of the higher education studies should be free for the students. Therefore many part-time curricula were closed and for adults the degree study options decreased. Therefore the challenge for CE is to create links between CE and degree studies to support flexible study options.
- Tamer Atabarut: The Turkish Network is quite new. We have planned to organise our National Network meeting before the next EUCEN conference. There might be possibility to have common meeting with representatives of other national networks and have discussion on LLL. And I would like to welcome you next year in Istanbul.
- Christina Paulus – LLL is becoming more important for universities. It is important to respond to market needs.
- Séamus Ó Tuama: The individual should be seen as learner not as worker for certain task. Since the Irish system is less regulated by laws we can be more flexible. It is also important that LLL

should be seen in long term view not as short term objective for politicians. Therefore more attention should be paid to discussion with policy makers.

- Zbigniew Marciniak: More young people are entering the labour market to earn money and the education will remain in the background. It is important to pay attention to increasing of PhD students in Poland.
- Helmut Vogt: If we would like to bring people back to universities there should be more part-time programmes in Master level for working people.

Helmut Vogt raised a discussion regarding the organisational structure for LLL. It could be in several forms within the walls of university (at faculties, between faculties and management, at management level) but could it be also outside the walls of university? For example independent structure which provides high level LLL options in cooperation with university? The similar discussions have been also in Austria and in Finland. Hanna-Riikka Myllymäki said that for clients and learners the structure is not important, but reorganisation of existing structure influences the staff. Lucilia Santos told that in Portugal the universities are facing the situation that fewer students is entering the university. The universities have established LLL units and offer learning options which lead to the academic qualifications. The University of Aveiro is in close cooperation with university spin off company (private educational institution connected to university) that could give professional qualifications which are more attractive in labour market.

Point 4. Cooperation EUCEN with EUCIS LLL

Helmut Vogt made a presentations regarding EUCIS-LLL and EUCEN cooperation. The presentation is attached.

Christina Paulus appointed that the EUCIS-LLL could be a good platform and link to policy makers at European level but also at National level.

Point 5. Date of next meeting

The next National Network Forum will be held in June 2014 in Istanbul.

The network forum finished at 16:27.