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1 EUNEC conference 'MoVE-iT' in Brussels (9-10 November 2006)

EUNEC organised on 9 and 10 November 2006 a conference '**MoVE-iT: Obstacles to mobility in VET**' in Brussels. The objective of this conference, with a large number of EUNEC members and experts coming from 15 countries, was to provide some critical remarks and statements on the recommendations of the MoVE-iT study.

EUNEC was asked to participate actively in the debate on the problem of mobility in vocational education and training, starting from a study carried out by Pricewaterhouse Coopers and CINOP. A delegation of EUNEC participated at the MoVE-iT expert meeting on 9 November at the European Commission.

This was a very important step in the history of EUNEC. The European Commission and the European Parliament have commissioned this study and the contractors of the study were really searching for a platform where they could debate and discuss their findings. This way, EUNEC was involved in an early stage of policy making and participated actively in the development of a European policy on **mobility in VET**.

You can find the **report** of the conference and the EUNEC **statements** on the recommendations of the MoVE-iT study on our website (www.eunec.org).

2 EUNEC Executive Committee (9 November)

The **Executive Committee** of EUNEC gathered on Thursday 9 November in Brussels. You can find the minutes of this meeting on the EUNEC website.

Among other things, the Committee decided to keep the **membership's fee 2007** on the same level as this year. All EUNEC members and the new candidate members will receive an invitation to pay and the annual plan 2007 during the first weeks of January.

The Committee also outlined the programme for next year and decided to participate at the **ECVET¹ consultation** organised by the European Commission.

EUNEC will organise a conference on this issue on **Monday 5 and Thursday 6 February 2007**. May we ask all member councils to fix this date in their agenda? They will receive a first announcement of this conference at the end of December.

3 EUNEC as stakeholder in European Education and Training

On 11 September 2006, EUNEC was invited by the **European Commission** to take part in a small informal meeting with organisations with experience in the field of **School Education Policy**. The purpose of the meeting was to help the Commission to clarify those issues in the field of school education policy that could usefully be addressed at European Union level and should therefore be included in the public consultation that the Commission intends to launch later this year and in a subsequent Communication.

¹ European Credit (Transfer) System for Vocational Education and Training

On 3 October 2006, a delegation of EUNEC paid a visit to Mrs. Sigmund, president of the **European Economic and Social Committee**. The objective of the meeting was to investigate the possibilities to participate in the activities of the EESC. It seems that EUNEC could be invited as an expert for several activities concerning Education and Training. We will have further contacts with the new president, Dimitris Dimitriadis

On 6 October 2006 EUNEC participated at the special session of the **Education and Training Coordination Group**. This special session of the ETCG included a dialogue between the ETCG members and key European stakeholders in education and training. The European Commission stated that the involvement of stakeholders is crucial for the coherence, comprehensiveness of lifelong learning strategies and for the overall success in setting the strategic direction of education and training. EUNEC had the opportunity to propose its network to the ETCG members. The EUNEC study on educational councils (2000) was sent afterwards to Mr. Gordon Clark, president of the meeting.

4 State of affairs European education policy

It is not always easy to keep up with all the activities in the European education policy. For that reason, the EUNEC secretariat made a new **State of affairs (December 2006)** of all the running processes in the European education policy. You can find this document in annex and on our website (www.eunec.org, EUNEC documents). The document of 10 pages contains a treasury of information on:

1. Information on the latest developments at EU level

- 1.1 The Lifelong Learning Action Programme 2007-2013
- 1.2 The Main Results of the Council of Education (14 November 2006)
- 1.3 The Recommendation on Key Competences for Lifelong Learning
- 1.4 The Recommendation on a European Quality Charter for Mobility
- 1.5 The Communication of the Commission on Efficiency and Equity
- 1.6 The Proposal for a recommendation on the EQF
- 1.7 The Working Document of the Commission on the ECVET consultation
- 1.8 The Council Conclusions on the European Co-operation in VET
- 1.9 The Communication of the Commission on Adult Learning
- 1.10 The Proposal of the Commission on the European Institute of Technology
- 1.11 The Consultation of the Commission on School Education
- 1.12 A Communication on Indicators and Benchmarks

2. The peer learning activities

Status report of the work of the clusters since May 2006

5 Questions

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