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1 Membership EUNEC

All councils received an invitation to pay the **membership fee** before March the 15th. We would like to ask the councils to pay in time and to send the registration form to the EUNEC secretariat (eunec@vlor.be)

2 New address for EUNEC

The EUNEC secretariat moves... Starting from April the 2nd 2007, the **new address** is
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3 EUNEC as European organisation acting in the field of education and training

In 2007 EUNEC is recognised and granted as **European organisation** acting in the field of education and training by the European Commission (call for proposals n°26/06). This gives the network the opportunity to present an ambitious annual plan to its members.

4 Executive Committee and General Assembly

The **Executive Committee** of EUNEC met on February the 4th in Brussels. The Committee evaluated the daily working of the network and established the annual plan for 2007. The **General Assembly** met on February the 6th. The annual report 2006 was presented and the assembly took care of the statutory obligations and approved the annual plan. You can find the **minutes** of these meetings and the **annual plan 2007** on the website (www.eunec.eu).

5 EUNEC seminar on the ECVET consultation (Brussels 5-6 February 2007)

On 5 and 6 February 2007 EUNEC organised a seminar on the consultation by the European Commission on the **European credit transfer system for vocational education and training**. Michel Aribaud of the European Commission presented the consultation process and Didier Gelibert of the 'Association Nationale pour la Formation Automobile (France)' presented the provisional results of the ECVET Connexion study of the feasibility of an ECVET system for apprentices. Afterwards, the EUNEC members worked in subgroups to discuss the consultation questions.

At the end of the seminar the General Assembly of EUNEC approved some **reflections**. These reflections are meant for two purposes:

- Reflections on the part of EUNEC to contribute to the public consultation;
- To prepare the debates in the member councils. Some education councils are invited to advise their national ministers on the necessity of a national credit transfer system and on the characteristics of such a system. We as education councils are in privileged positions to help our governments to develop such policies.

You can download this document on the EUNEC website (www.eunec.eu - statements).

6 EUNEC seminar on the Modernisation of Schools (Tallinn, 10-12 June 2007)

EUNEC was invited by the European Commission on the first meeting of the Platform of European Stakeholders organisations on School Education (January the 19th 2007). The European Commission explained on this meeting that they want to launch a public consultation on possible priorities for the Union to give an incentive for the **modernisation** of school education. The Commission would appreciate an input from each national education council and EUNEC was invited to co-ordinate reactions coming from the national education councils.

EUNEC will organise on 10-12 June 2007 (date has to be confirmed) a **seminar** on this consultation in Tallinn (Estonia). The EUNEC members will receive as soon as possible the preparatory documents and a first announcement of this seminar.

7 A State of affairs European education policy

It is not easy to keep up with all the activities in the European education policy. For that reason, the EUNEC secretariat made a **State of affairs (March 2007)** of all the running processes in the European education policy. You can find this document on our website. The document of 7 pages is a treasury of information on:

1. The follow-up of the Lisbon strategy
2. Education and the German Presidency of the EU
3. The latest developments at EU level
 - 3.1 The European Council of Education (16 February 2007)
 - 3.2 The Lifelong Learning Programme 2007-2013
 - 3.3 'Education and training 2010' - Main policy initiatives and outputs in education and training since the year 2000 (January 2007)
 - 3.4 The recommendation on key competences for lifelong learning
 - 3.5 The communication on indicators and benchmarks
 - 3.6 Outputs to come in 2007

8 Priorities and activities of EUNEC member councils

EUNEC is interested in the **priorities** and **annual programmes** of its members. If you have such a programme, you can mail it to the EUNEC-secretariat (eunec@vlor.be). In our next newsletter, we will give you a survey of these priorities. On the seminar in Tallinn, we will organise an exchange of the main priorities.

On the EUNEC website you can find also some interesting documents coming from the EUNEC members. You can download:

- Employment-Training Prospects at the Horizon of 2015: latest results, new approach (Claude Sauvageot - HCEEE) (English/French)
- Report of the High Committee on Education – Economy – Employment concerning the goal of a 50% higher education success rate in a given generation (French – with a translation of the recommendations and the foreword in English, Spanish and German)
- Les compétences clés et l'éducation et la formation des groupes de personnes fragilisées (avis n° 96 – Conseil de l' Education et de la Formation – Belgique)

9 Questions

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