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1 EUNEC Membership

EUNEC is pleased to welcome two new official members. The **Lithuanian Education Council** is a new full member, the **National Training Fund** (Czech Republic) a new associate member.

2 Executive Committee

The EUNEC **Executive Committee** met on June the 10th in Tallinn (Estonia). The Committee evaluated the daily working of the network, prepared the conference in Lisbon (8-10 October) and discussed the priorities for the annual plan 2008. You can find the **minutes** of this meeting on the website (www.eunec.eu).

3 EUNEC seminar 'Schools of the future? – What kind of schools do we want in Europe tomorrow (Tallinn, 11-12 June 2007)

On January the 19th EUNEC was invited by the European Commission on the first meeting of the Platform of European Stakeholder organisations on School Education. The European Commission clarified on this meeting its intention to launch a public consultation on possible priorities for the Union to give an incentive for **modernisation** of school education.

EUNEC organised on 11-12 June 2007 in Tallinn (Estonia) a **seminar** to prepare this consultation. Tapio Saavala of the European Commission presented the perspectives of the European Commission for School Education in Europe. Professor Peter Mortimore gave a personal reaction on these ideas and the participants had a very interesting debate with the two speakers. Olav Aarna of the Estonian Education Forum, associated member of EUNEC explained the history of the council and its impact on the Estonian Education policy. The participants of the seminar discussed in work groups on national and European priorities on school education. Finally EUNEC formulated conclusions for the European Commission.

The **report** of the seminar and the text of the conclusions will be published on the EUNEC website by the end of August.

The **consultation** of the European Commission will be launched during the second week of July. The deadline for participation will be October the 15th 2007.

After the conference in Tallinn, professor Peter Mortimore published the **column** 'Before legislation we need consultation' (3 July 2007) in the Guardian of Education. The article deals with the importance of education councils and EUNEC in particular. It can be viewed on the Guardian web site:

<http://education.guardian.co.uk/egweekly/0,,486038,00.html>

4 EUNEC conference in Lisbon (8-10 October 2007)

On 8-10 October 2007 EUNEC will organise a conference in co-operation with the Portuguese Education Council and the Portuguese Presidency of the European Union. This conference will include two seminars.

Thematically linked to the Symposium 'Knowledge for Action' held during Germany's Presidency and linked to the OECD publication "Research and Evidence in Educational Policy Making: New Challenges", EUNEC will deal on 8 October with the issue of '**Evidence based Education Policy**'.

On 9 and 10 October the conference will continue with a seminar on the outcomes of the OECD thematic review '**No More Failures – Ten steps to equity in Education**' (foreseen for September 2007). This review examines a set of policy levers focused on fair and inclusive design, practice and resources. EUNEC will discuss key issues for equity in education, such as early childhood interventions, school choice or secondary education structures, measures to reduce dropout rates, financial or strategic policies countries have adopted or may envisage putting in place to enhance equity in their education systems.

EUNEC members will receive a first invitation for this conference during the first week of July. You can find the programme of both seminars on the EUNEC website.

5 Report MoVE-iT

On 9-10 November 2006 EUNEC organised a conference on the study project 'MoVE-iT, obstacles to mobility in VET'. PwC AND CINOP, the contractors of the study, are proud to announce that the final deliverables of the research project MoVE-iT are now ready for dissemination. MoVE-iT provides tools for actors willing to support increased and improved mobility for apprentices and other young people in IVET. In a nutshell, the main products of MoVE-it are:

- Country reports, analysing the VET systems and current state of affairs on IVET mobility in 33 countries.
- Final and Summary report; with an analysis of obstacles to mobility and recommendations
- Supporting studies: a variety of studies related to mobility of apprentices, on topics that needed further elaboration
- Brochure, for dissemination amongst the general public
- Website, useful for researchers (and policy makers and practitioners) who want to continue the research efforts in this area.

You can download the reports through the website:

<http://room.projectcoordinator.net/projectweb/435bc339b0795/Final%20report.html>

6 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 (July 2007)** of all the running processes in the European education policy. You can find this document on our website. (www.eunec.eu – EUNEC documents – State of Affairs)

1. An overview of the clusters and peer learning activities (2006-2007)
2. Recent official European documents
 - A coherent framework of indicators and benchmarks
 - A framework for the European survey of language competences
 - The London Communiqué on Higher Education.

3. The results of the informal meeting of education ministers (1-2 March – Heidelberg)
4. The results of the Education Council meeting (24-25 May 2007)
5. Recent European conferences

7 Questions

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