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# **Knowledge sharing seminar for study visits organisers**

## **Thessaloniki, 3-4 November 2008**

### **Workshop I**



## 1. What were the difficulties experienced organisers had in dealing with the above mentioned issues and how did they manage to overcome those?

### ➤ Difficulties with the Language:

#### **Active / passive language level of the participants**

- Meeting on sunday evening (icebreaking)
- Communication with the participants in advance
- Spread the participants presentation over the whole week
- Participants should also help each other during the week
- Daily evaluation / feedback (discussion / sheet)
- Assist the participant directly

### ➤ **The hotel is for one member too expensive.**

➔ How can we manage it?



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## 1. What were the difficulties experienced organisers had in dealing with the above mentioned issues and how did they manage to overcome those?

### ➤ **Difficulties with the money**

- o Some organizers did not get money for the visit from their government, NA, state, city.
  - ➔ Why it is not possible to get money from every National Agency all over Europe?
- o Can Studyvisits be paid like a Comenius Teachers Training (course fee and money for accommodation)?

### ➤ **Difficulties with “family members of the participants”**

- ➔ CEDEFOP should stress more clearly that family members are not allowed during a study visit (program, social part)



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## 2. What do you expect the national agencies and Cedefop to do in order to support you in preparing your visits?

- Olive should be improved in the technical way.
  - ➔ more guidance in technical problems with Olive
- The finalizing participants list should be send earlier to the organizers.
- Participants take part at the visit only three days.
  - ➔ Should the organizer inform the National Agency?



### 3. Which are the benefits of hosting and organising a study visit?

- Improving national education systems (learn from each other)
- An organizer gets a lot of new contacts
- Carry out new projects from the lifelong learning programme.
- A Studyvisit is a good change from everybody days work.
- To organize a Studyvisit is a good point for career development



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#### **4. What is your opinion of the handbook for organisers? Are there any issues that could be added or described more clearly?**

- It is a good help for new organizers
- CEDEFOP should create a model for a certificate (Standard Diploma)
- Suggestions for organizer how to report to the “state institutions”
- Group report: page 5, question No.2: should be a open question
- Please add some of the benefits of the workshop to the handbook list



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**Thank you for your attention!**

