University West in Trollhättan, Sweden
Fostering cooperative and work integrated learning in continuing professional development: The role of networks

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Presentation

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WACE is the only international professional organization dedicated to developing, expanding, branding and advocating for Cooperative & Work Integrated Education programs within industry and educational institutions.

WACE also wants to strengthen the links between academia and society in matters relating to the development of work-integrated learning, WIL, in both education and research.
CWIE is a term that includes: Cooperative education, internships, dual training, international Co-op exchanges, study abroad, research, clinical rotations, service learning and community service.

Cooperative & Work-Integrated Education (CWIE) = acknowledge and embrace all forms of experiential learning utilized by industry and educational institutions.
In 2011 it was decided to establish a WACE European satellite office at University West with the goal to:

Strengthen WACE as a global network and organization with a focus on Europe

Extend the existing WIL network in Europe, where both universities and companies (private and public sectors) are important target groups. The satellite office will work as an European node which will lead to increased opportunities for cooperation and knowledge exchange
Seminar for two days in Heidenheim, Germany (19-20/4)

"Bridging Work Integrated Learning Practice to Theory"

Symposium in Porto, Portugal, November (november)

"Work- Integrated Learning- Educational Designs and Life-Long Learning"
Aim: To identify the main challenges of the system, propose feasible solutions, and provide recommendations to the European Commission in this area, the consortium intends to establish a Network of Cooperative and Work Integrated Higher Education that will gather institutions of the education sector government and business representatives, all committed to work on the development, promotion and sustainability of a system that has proven to bring benefits at business and professional level
**Partners:** Ingeniaritza Duala Unibertsitate Eskola (IMH), Duale Hochschule Baden- Württemberg (DHBW), FH Joanneum Gesellschaft M.B.H, Formasup (Nord- Pas de Calais), Universitat de Lleida, Högskolan Väst, Libera Università di Bolzano.

**Outcomes:** The project intends to establish a solid European Network which will face the challenges presented by the model, while spreading it at an EU level as a valuable alternative to tackle unemployment and promote entrepreneurship skills.

**Current status:** Writing a descriptive Handbook on different WIL designs throughout europé and implement an European Network.
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WIL as a Pedagogical Ideology

Strategy & Infrastructure for Interaction with Society

Models & Methods for Higher Education

Learning in and for the new Workplace

Co-op & Internship Practicum

WIL as a Multidisciplinary Research Area

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• LINA

Learning In and for the New Work Place, with 50 researchers and 23 PhD students in the two main field Informatics and Education.
What are we doing in LINA?

• R&D projects in LINA

• Creating an academical environment by implementing a Healthcare lab, projects, seminar, qualifications programs to associate professor and full professor

• Supporting researchers in academically progress of studies and writing

• Initiate and develop research projects in broad research context from school settings to industry collaborations
Examples of themes for research

- Inter-professional Communication and Collaboration
- Development of Professional Identity
- Transition from Education to Work
- Models and methods for
  - Mentoring/coaching
  - Interaction students-faculty-industry
  - Lifelong learning
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PhD projects

• Education
  – Inter-Professional Collaboration for Integration (Annika Andersson)
  – Literacy (Katarina Cederlund)
  – Inter-professional Learning in Healthcare (Tuija Viking)
  – WIL as a Pedagogical Philosophy in Higher Education (Ville Björck)
  – Work-integrated Learning and Societal Information course for refugees (Marie Westerlind)

• Information Systems
  – Consequences of the Digitalisation of Education (Said Morad Babaheidari)
  – IT-didactic Competence for Teachers (Sara Willermark)
  – IT-supported Competence Development between Industry and Academia (Monika Hattinger)
  – Strategical Work in Public Sector (Camilla Seitl)
  – Et cetera
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