

# 8<sup>th</sup> TTnet Annual Conference

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## **Taking stock of TTnet's achievements and future developments**

### **A review of TTnet's achievements**

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## **Countries/organisations represented at the TTnet Annual Conference**

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- TTnet national networks already established (18): Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and United Kingdom.
- TTnet networks being established (3): Cyprus, Greece and Latvia
- TTnet networks to be established (1): Austria
- Acceding and candidate countries (3): Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania

**25 countries represented**

## Objectives of the Conference

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- To take stock of TTnet's activities, functioning and results and plan future developments;
- To further improve TTnet's role in the implementation of the Maastricht priorities for VET teachers and trainers.

## **TTnet's main achievements in 2005**

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- A. Cross-country thematic projects**
- B. Reports on national systems on the professional development of VET teachers and trainers**
- C. Expanding TTnet to new countries**
- D. Reviewing the role and achievements of TTnet national networks**

# TTnet's main achievements in 2005

## A. Cross-country thematic projects

### Identification and Validation of non-formal learning for VET teachers and trainers

- *Central issue at EU level*
- *Mentioned in 2006 joint progress report on the implementation of Education and Training 2010 work programme*
- *Not only a political challenge but also an ethical and methodological question*
- *Key issue: how to improve the question of validation methodologies*



# TTnet's main achievements in 2005

## A. Cross-country thematic projects

### Identification and Validation of non-formal learning for VET teachers and trainers

#### TTnet study

- *Nine countries involved (BE, DK, FIN, F, IRL, I, LT, SK, UK)*
- *30 examples of practice collected and analysed*
- *Final report available, including recommendations for policy-makers and practitioners*

# TTnet's main achievements in 2005

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## A. Cross-country thematic projects

### Quality assurance and VET teachers and trainers

- *Commission's "Proposal for a Recommendation on the quality of teacher education".*  
(To be adopted in 2006. Main outcome of Group A)
- *VET national strategies focus on quality assurance*  
(2006 joint progress report)

# TTnet's main achievements in 2005

## A. Cross-country thematic projects

### Quality assurance and VET teachers and trainers

#### The TTnet study

- *TTnet specific contribution to Commission's sub-group 3*
- *19 examples of practice from 10 TTnets: B, DK, F, FIN, MT, NL, I, IRL, P, UK*
- *Final outcomes available: **Recommendations** for policy-makers; **guidelines** for VET providers; **charter** for trainers as lifelong learners*



# TTnet's main achievements in 2005

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## A. Cross-country thematic projects

### “Defining VET professions in line with the EQF”

- *TTnet pilot project launched in October 2005*
- *Consultation process with TTnets and the Commission*
- *13 countries involved (B, CZ, DK, D, EE, F, FIN, I, LT, MT, P, SK, UK)*
- *Consensus reached on project's objectives, outcomes, link with the EQF*
- *Interim results available*

# TTnet's main achievements

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## B. Reports on national systems

Reports on national systems for training and professional development of VET teachers and trainers

- *To give an overview and to compare trends in EU 15 + 2*
- *Information provided mostly by TTnet networks*
- *Comparative analysis available*

# TTnet's main achievements

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## C. Expanding TTnet to include new Countries

### 1 new TTnet in 2005

*Germany – Launched on 3 November in the framework of an Agora Conference (<http://www.cedefop.eu.int/latestnews.asp?type=EV> )*

### 3 TTnet coordinators selected in 2005

*Cyprus, Greece, Latvia*

### National TTnets to be associated in 2006

*Austria, Poland and Sweden*

## TTnet's main achievements

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### **D. Reviewing functioning achievements and role of national TTnet networks**

- *Survey carried out among TTnet national networks*
- *18 countries responded*
- *Survey results available*

## Conclusion

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*The scale and representative nature of TTnet's membership, its responsiveness and the topicality of the themes on which it is working mean that it can be regarded as a privileged tool for the implementation of the Maastricht priorities for VET teachers and trainers.*



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