

Creating learning environments for the future.
Research and practice share knowledge

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Since its inception in 1986, **enSI** has brought together school initiatives, educators and other stakeholders in countries primarily across the OECD area to promote environmental understanding, proactive approaches to teaching and learning, and citizenship education through research and the exchange of experiences internationally.

The **enSI** philosophy is expressed through three important European projects: SEED, CSCT and SUPPORT.

SEED:

The Comenius Project SEED addresses education for sustainable development (ESD) as a driving force for school development to foster the integration of ecological issues into daily life at school. This key focus recognises and reflects international and political thinking and is in line with the United Nations Decade for ESD agreed-upon international principles and objectives. The SEED-project includes a comparative study across 13 countries on implicit and explicit criteria in regards to eco-school developments. One of the outcomes of this study has been the Quality Criteria for ESD schools.

CSCT:

The partners of the Comenius 2-project, CSCT, developed a framework for a competency-based curriculum for ESD for initial teacher training and in-service training institutions. The CSCT-project is an attempt to meet the call of the UNECE ministers of the Environment to offer curriculum models to teacher training institutes, which are searching for attainable ways to integrate ESD in their curricula.

SUPPORT:

The Comenius network 'Partnership and Participation for a Sustainable Tomorrow' (SUPPORT) was established in order to address the need to enhance the quality of educational practices and materials in line with ESD. The project introduces concepts and issues of Sustainable Development (SD) into the educational system by linking schools, research institutions and communities in a web-based network.

The outcomes of these projects, together with former **enSI** publications, form the backbone of the upcoming **enSI** conference in Leuven.

enSI invites the participants to reflect on and to share ideas and knowledge about the following questions:

How can the quality of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) be improved?

How can Quality Criteria be used to orient and improve the whole school approach to ESD?

What new competencies do schools need in order to be able to move toward ESD?

Which learning environments might improve ESD?

Conference programme

Thursday 26 March 2009

- Opening of the conference by Dr. Willy Sleurs, president of ENSI
- Education for Sustainable Development and its relationship with global education

PROF. ROGER STANDAERT, DIRECTOR OF THE CURRICULUM DEPARTMENT,
FLEMISH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION & TRAINING,
AND PROFESSOR OF COMPARATIVE EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF GHENT

- Keynote: ENSI as the driving force for international networking in ESD
PROF. FRANZ RAUCH, UNIVERSITY OF KLAGENFURT, AUSTRIA
- Keynote: Learning environments for ESD
PROF. JYRI MANNINEN, JOENSUU UNIVERSITY, FINLAND
- Interactive poster session on 'learning environments for ESD'

Friday 27 March 2009

- Keynote: Quality Criteria as possible road maps for ESD?
A DEBATE BETWEEN DR. MICHELA MAYER AND DR. PAUL VARE
- Keynote: The professionalisation of ESD teachers
PROF. FRANZ RAUCH, UNIVERSITY KLAGENFURT, AUSTRIA
DR. REGINA STEINER, FORUM UMWELTBILDUNG, UNIVERSITY OF SALZBURG, AUSTRIA
- Parallel working sessions on:
 - Implementation of Quality Criteria
 - Learning environments
 - Teacher competences for ESD and their relationship with quality criteria

Saturday 28 March 2009

- New questions arising from the conference
- Requests and recommendations of researchers and practitioners



Conference information

Location: Leuven University College, Leuven, Belgium

How to reach Leuven? Via Brussels airport, 15 minutes
by direct train from the airport to the Leuven railway station

Detailed information is available at

www.ensi.org

Registration

only possible through website: www.ensi.org

Registration fee:

Before 15 February 2009: 70,- €

After 15 February 2009: 80,- €

included is the conference dinner on Friday, March 27 in the
historically rich environment of the Great Beguinage of Leuven.

Accommodations

When making a reservation, please mention 'ENSI – KHLeuven conference'

- **HOTEL INDUSTRIE** (just in front of the railway station)
Rates: 45 - 55 Euros per person per night
Register at: info@industriehotel.be
www.industriehotel.be
- **HOTEL LA ROYALE** (just in front of the railway station)
Rates: 48 - 91 Euros per person per night
Register at: info@laroyale.be
www.laroyale.be
- **HOTEL MILLE COLONNES** (just in front of the railway station)
Rates: 40 - 50 Euros per person per night
Register at: info@hotelmillecolonnes.be
www.hotelmillecolonnes.be
- **HOTEL BINNENHOF** (200 m from the railway station)
Rates: 116 - 132 Euros per person per night
(90 - 99 Euros per person per night over the weekend)
Register at: info@hotelbinnenhof.be
www.hotelbinnenhof.be
Make sure to mention reference N° G 52185 for special rates!

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