Tenth Meeting of the European Commission’s Expert Group on Lifelong Guidance

29-30 November 2005 at CEDEFOP offices, 20 Av. D’Auderghem, Brussels

AGENDA

November 29

11.30  Approval of draft minutes of meeting of March 7-8, 2005

11.40  Update on progress in the implementation of the Education and Training 2010 Work Programme (treatment of guidance in the national progress reports and key messages on guidance in the Commission/Council Joint Report) [DG EAC]

12.10  Member reports on national developments

12:30  Update on plans for the organisation of future European level work on guidance & the place of guidance in the new integrated lifelong learning programme [DG EAC – Gordon Clark, Fernanda Oliveira Reis, Norbert Schobel]

13.00  Lunch

14:15  Finnish Presidency conference on progress in the implementation of the Council Resolution on lifelong guidance (Raimo Vuorinen)

14:30  Co-operation with Euroguidance to promote the implementation of the Council Resolution on lifelong guidance. Results of the study on the European dimension of guidance for education, training and employment systems, and the convergence of existing European networks and structures in the field of information, guidance and counselling [DG EAC – Jan Varchola]

14:45  Report on the 2 Joint Actions European networks of national guidance fora (progress in the development of the fora, different models emerging, critical factors for success, obstacles faced, European network added value of the project to date). (Judy Alloway, project co-ordinator for the UK-led network, Peter Haertel, project co-ordinator for the Austrian-led network)
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09.30  
**DG Employment Study on trends and challenges in career guidance in Europe’s public employment services** (presentation by Ronald Sultana, followed by discussion)

10.30  
Study on guidance for workforce development (information point John McCarthy)

10.45  
The role of guidance in supporting the common European principles for the identification and validation of non-formal and informal learning. (Presentations by Jens Bjornavold & Françoise Divisia followed by brainstorming group discussion)

11.45  
Quality assurance in the new Danish guidance system (Presentation by Steffen Jensen followed by discussion)

12.30  
Joint Cedefop Danish Ministry of Education meeting on quality assurance systems for guidance (information point Jennifer Wannan)

12.45  
Updates by John McCarthy on the development of the International Centre for Career Development and Public Policy (ICCDPP) and the third international symposium on career development and public policy to be held in Sydney in April 2006.

13.30  
Close of meeting

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(1) The benchmarks are by 2010: (i) an EU average rate of no more than 10% early school leavers; total number of graduates in mathematics, (ii) science and technology in the EU should increase by at least 15% while at the same time the level of gender imbalance should decrease; (iii) at least 85% of 22 year olds in the European Union should have completed upper secondary education; (iv) the percentage of low-achieving 15 years old in reading literacy in the European Union should have decreased by at least 20% compared to the year 2000; (v) the European Union average level of participation in Lifelong Learning, should be at least 12.5% of the adult working age population (25-64 age group).