Going on a Study Visit – The Participant's Perspective

Active Participation – Reporting – Networking and Dissemination

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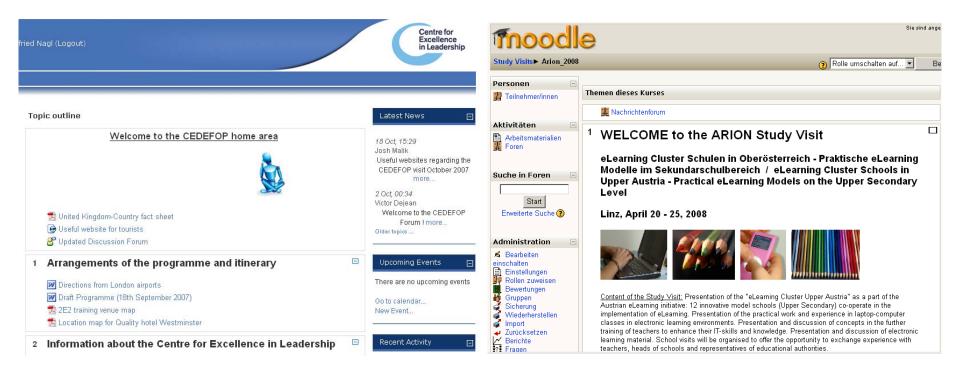
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Profile / Background

- EU-Coordinator Education Board Upper Austria
 - ... Organisation of ARION / CEDEFOP Study Visits in 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2008
 - ... Participant in ARION / CEDEFOP Study Visits in 1997, 1999, 2007
 - ... Organisation of delegation visits and conferences in Upper Austria
- Head of the eLearning Cluster Upper Austria
- Project Management in EU-Projects and for the Austrian Ministry for Education
- Teacher

Web-based platforms for support

Examples:



Study Visit "Leadership in eLearning" – London / UK – October 2007

Study Visit "eLearning Cluster Schools in Upper Austria" – April 2008

Active Participation

based on

- thematic preparation
- relation to the topic and experience
- language skills
- communicative skills
- group activities
- intercultural understanding





Reporting

- group decision early / Monday
- equipment / laptop computer / Internet access
- language skills
- time for discussions of conclusions at the end of each day
- upload / platform for discussion and amendments afterwards / deadline
- standardised format?



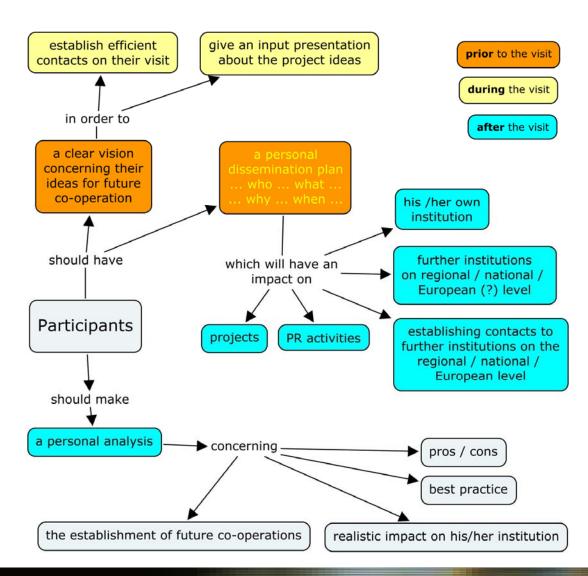
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Study visits offer an excellent opportunity for further co-operation and the establishment of European projects ...

... but also support is needed to facilitate the aim to co-operate in reality after the visit ...



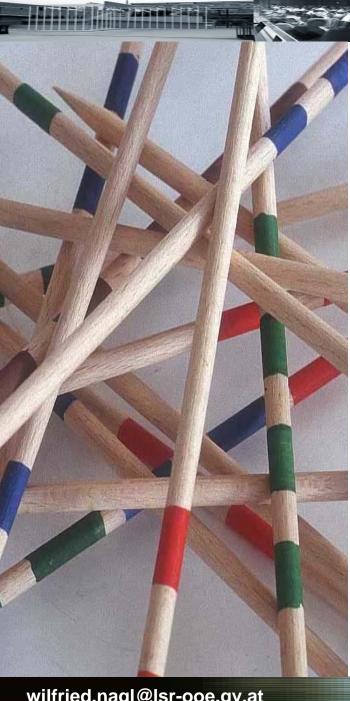
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Concept map produced with Cmap Tools - http://cmap.ihmc.us

Benefit / added value

- new perspectives by the exchange of ideas, examples of best practice and the group discussion
- contacts and links establishing a network further cooperation and projects
- getting to know the host country
 - its approach to the topic
 - its system
 - its practical implementation of learning and training
 - its language and culture
- reflection of one's own approach and system with an impact on the daily work



Thank you for Your participation!

questions, discussion, ideas

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