

Hannover, 1 December 2007

EUCEN NATIONAL & REGIONAL NETWORK (NN) MEMBERS MEETING MINUTES

Present:

EUCEN Executive Committee Representatives: Alison J Hughes and Carme Royo
Estonia: ENUCE (Kadri Kiigema)
France: CDSUFC (Jean-Marie Filloque)
Germany: DGWF (Martin Beyersdorf)
Finland: UCEF (Hanna-Riikka Myllymaki)
Lithuania: L3net (Ruta Leonaviciene)
Portugal: AUPEC (Alfredo Soeiro)
Spain: RUEPEC & ACECU (Charo Romano)
UK: UaLL (Alison J Hughes)

Apologies for absence from AUCEN, FACE.

1. Presentation from German National Network

Martin Beyersdorf gave a very informative presentation on the German National Network DGWF (PowerPoint attached). It was noted that there is a strong regional focus within the network and that it represents only Higher education level LLL. The network is also very active in having spokespersons for interaction with the TV, radio and newspaper media.

It was agreed that:

- it was a helpful idea for future EUCEN NN meetings at EUCEN Conferences to have a short presentation by the NN representative of the host country, where possible.
- any presentations should be posted on the NN pages on the EUCEN website as a very useful resource.

2. Education and Training 2010 – review of national reports

Michel Feutrie, President of EUCEN, recently attended an annual meeting in Brussels with the EC (Gordon Clark) and the ministries of Education and/or Work. Michel spoke with G Clark at the end of the meeting and they agreed that the following would be a very useful perspective from EUCEN and national LLL networks:

Every Member State has produced a national report on implementation of 'Education and Training 2010' and particularly on LLL issues. Each Member States has just sent these reports to the Commission. These are on the website:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/policies/2010/nationalreport_en.html

EUCEN suggests that each of its NN members reviews its country's national report, comments on it and writes a short review (max. 2-3 pages). EUCEN would then collate all these reports and write a report for the Commission reflecting the European -wide view, from the perspective of its NN members.

Some of the NN reps at the meeting had already started to review their national reports and had noted that the representation of LLL was inaccurate. It was also noted that in a number of the reports it would appear that the countries were interpreting LLL as VET only and that this needed to be challenged.

Those present agreed that they would work with their NNs to prepare a short review on their NN overview of these reports. AJH will also request feedback form the other NN members of EUCEN. Deadline - mid January 2008

AJH to email request to all NN members

3. Future study visits

It was agreed that the study visit organised by the Hannover Conference hosts had been very successful. It was also agreed for future study visits that the main issue for participants is the cost of travel and accommodation. It would be useful, therefore if:

- it is a minimum 1 day event
- where possible it should be attached to a EUCEN conference with a presentation and a visit incorporated
- the NN meeting at the conference could be attached to the study visit

Potentially Estonia may be able to host a study visit in autumn 2008, with a theme about academic entrepreneurship and partnerships.

EUCEN will endeavour to organise a study visit to Brussels for 2009.

AJH to take this back to EUCEN Executive Committee.

4. Any other business

- It was noted that some NNs meet infrequently and so cannot feed back immediately to items raised by EUCEN. It



was suggested that EUCEN, in making requests for feedback or action, could indicate in the communications that it is acceptable for the individual networks to respond as they see fit. In other words, where time is an important issue, sometimes the elected representatives of the network may wish to reply without having to formally obtain feedback from all its members. It would always be left to the individual networks to decide on the most appropriate action.

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- It was felt that the NN meeting at EUCEN Conferences should be given a specific time slot in the main conference rather than being squeezed into a lunchtime or evening session during the conference.

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- The Poster slot for the NNs at the Hannover Conference had been useful. Some of the NNs had sent material for display alongside the EUCEN posters. It was agreed that a Poster slot should be requested for all future EUCEN Conferences to allow NNs to display material of interest to other members, e.g. general material about the network, upcoming network conference details etc.

- Helmut Vogt from DGWF has suggested that a database be compiled of LLL expertise within the NN elected officers/board members. This would help other networks who required assistance at short notice with various issues.

It was noted that EUCEN Executive Committee is also reviewing the need for a database of expertise and that this idea from the NNs could feed into this development.

AJH to take this back to EUCEN Executive Committee.

- In Spain the Universities are wanting to create space for consideration of LLL in the national Rectors Unit

- The EUCEN NN pages still require updating- see minutes from previous meeting in Ljubljana

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