

**Dr Patricia Davies**  
**Brief curriculum vitae**

**Qualifications:** B Hum in Education and Social Administration (University of London);  
MSc in Social Research Methods (University of Surrey);  
PhD in Adult and Continuing Education (City University).

**Languages:** English (mother tongue);  
French (fluent);  
German (first level/debutante)

**Current employment:** two part-time complementary posts

- Executive Secretary, European Universities Continuing Education Network (EUCEN) - July 2000 to present; and
- Senior Research Fellow, School of Education, University of Sheffield – May 2001 to present

From 1 February 2004 to 31 December 2004: seconded from the University of Sheffield to EUCEN and thus full-time for EUCEN during this period.

**Previous employment:**

- Director of Continuing Education Research Centre, City University, London (1990 -2001),
- Research Fellow, Roehampton Institute of Higher Education and University of Surrey (1983-90).
- Previously a manager and management accountant in private sector industry.

**Experience of European policy and projects:**

My main role in EUCEN is to initiate, manage and evaluate EU projects and to support members of the association in the development and management of their EU projects. I therefore have considerable experience of working with transnational teams and bringing together institutions from across geographical Europe to work together on projects. As Executive Secretary of the association I am personally in touch with senior managers and staff in a wide range of disciplines in each of the 180 member universities.

I have been co-ordinator, partner and/or evaluator in a wide range of EU funded projects, all of which have had a research and a development component:

- Socrates: ERASMUS co-ordinator; member of Thematic Network on University Continuing Education; partner in Adult Education project on Educational Quality in Adult Learning at University (EQUAL);
- Leonardo - partner in project on APEL, evaluator for project on management training for university staff and another; evaluator project on web-based management training for SMEs;
- Grundtvig: Grundtvig1 project on continuing education for professionals working with adults (ELLPROFT) 2002-4; Co-ordinator of Grundtvig4 Network – European Quality in Individualised Pathways in Education (EQUIPE) – 2002-5
- Minerva: - partner in project on ODL for adult and continuing education (ODELUCÉ);
- eLearning – partner in project on ICT in lifelong learning (ICETEL) – 2002-3

- Joint Action programme - Co-ordinator of Transfine – Transfer between formal, informal and non-formal education - 2002-3 – a project on the recognition of non-formal and informal learning.

**Experience in research and development:**

As a Senior Research Fellow my research activity and interests are in European Union policy on lifelong learning and social inclusion, and in access to and participation in higher education, with a special interest in under-represented groups and active citizenship. I have managed a number of large research projects funded by local and national government, public agencies, research council and private sector organisations on: adult and continuing education and training, access to and participation in post-compulsory education, work-based learning, policy and practice in access to higher education – guidance, counselling and accreditation of prior experiential learning (APEL). These have involved a wide range of methods, both quantitative and qualitative and have had a particular focus on international comparative work. I am a member of a number of national committees on research in higher education, including the Society for Research in Higher Education, the Universities Association for Continuing Education, and the Economic and Social Research Council. I was an invited member of Swiss National Research Council evaluation panel for proposals in a research programme on employment and continuing education (2000) and was a reviewer of progress reports from project teams (2001). I have spoken at a wide range of national and international conferences and published widely on these themes in UK and international journals.