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Project 'European TrainerGuide' draws international attention

Since its official start in October 2008, the European TrainerGuide project has achieved widespread international attention.

The partnership in itself is striking, since it is broadly anchored. The project group covers six countries – Denmark, Finland, Slovenia, Turkey, The Netherlands and Germany. Besides these countries, Croatia and the United Kingdom are silent partners. Each country has formed a national 'quality panel', consisting of decision makers and crucial stakeholders from the individual countries.

In spite of the early state of the project, interim work results have been achieved, and a wide international interest has been shown in these results.

Examples of international interest are:

1. The TrainerGuide was invited to give a presentation at the CEDEFOP conference 'Teachers and Trainers at the Heart of Innovation and VET reforms', Thessaloniki / Greece, 23-24 February 2009. Further information:
http://www.agora.cedefop.europa.eu/teacher_trainer_conference/default.aspx?catid=77
2. The TrainerGuide project has been nominated by the European Commission as one of the fifteen most outstanding initiatives within this field. In that context, a case study has done on the project in March - April 2009, carried out by the commission's quality agency GHK. The case studies will be published at CEDEFOP's website (the European Training Village). The aim of the case studies is to raise awareness of good practice initiatives for in-company trainers in Europe.
3. The project management team has been nominated by the Danish government to participate in one of the European Commission's peer-learning seminars, belonging to the cluster Teachers and Trainers, 10th-14th May in Bonn / Germany, with regard to mapping out recommendations for qualifying teachers and trainers. Further information on the context of the seminar: www.ksill.net
4. The Swedish Ministry of Education has required information on the project, with a view to screening the project on its potential for inspiring the preparations of the Swedish chairmanship in autumn 2009. Information has been sent to Mrs. Carina Linden, Swedish Ministry of Education, 24th April 09.
5. The 'ENQA-VET study on quality assurance systems in work based learning and assessment in European VET' has asked for a contribution to their work through information on principles of the TrainerGuide. Possible perspectives might be pointed at during a dialogue, to be started in May 2009. Reference: Kim Faurkov, FACO / ENQA-VET – www.engavet.eu