

ENHANCEMENT OF THE COPENHAGUEN PROCESS INTO THE RE.FORM.E. NETWORK

The European building sector goes through a situation characterized by a huge mobility of its workers and firms, all throughout the European territory, communitarian or not. Consequently, the activities proposed within this diffusion action contemplate the updating of formative systems and vocational training within the building sector, in order to be able to adapt to a whole new context.

PARTNERS

- Germany : BZB
- Belgium : Formation PME
- Spain: Fundación Laboral de la Construcción
- Spain: Institut Gaudí de la Construcció
- Spain: Fundación Laboral de la Construcción del Principado de Asturias
- France : CCCA-BTP
- Italy : FORMEDIL
- Portugal : CENFIC



This project pursues the promotion of European principles and instruments developed for vocational training within the Copenhagen process. Also, it aims at diffusing the European frame of qualifications

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- 1** Diffusion of the Copenhagen process and its first results, as well as the development of an open and flexible European frame for qualifications.
- 2** Validation of non formal and informal training within the building sector.
- 3** Diffusion of the Quality Assurance and of the European guide of evaluation
- 4** Utilization of Europass portfolio within the building

1 DIFFUSION OF THE COPENHAGEN PROCESS AND ITS FIRST RESULTS, AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN OPEN AND FLEXIBLE EUROPEAN FRAME FOR QUALIFICATIONS

We promoted the European instruments and principles developed for Vocational Training through the Copenhagen process and beamed the European frame of qualifications. The project was presented to the European, national and regional partners.

Procedure

- In the first phase, partners analyzed all the information related to the frame of the Copenhagen process (30th November 2002) ; the Council resolution of 19th December of the same year; as well as the intermediate report developed jointly by the Council and the Commission of 26th February 2004, titled Education and Training 2010.
- A meeting of the Spanish partners was held in Barcelona during Mai. There, we exchanged the experiences and results obtained in each country, what helped us to define a spreading strategy among trainers and formation overseers at a national, regional and local level.
- After the meeting, we organized a diffusion seminar in the same country in June, in Asturias. It dealt with the Copenhagen process results and with the transparency of professional qualifications. This seminar was open to the different training agents: Representatives of the National Institute of Qualifications INCUAL, representatives of the General Directorate of Education of the Principality of Asturias, of the national job service, social partners, and businessmen and, finally, education and training centers and organisms. The members of RE.FORM.E network were also present. We also enjoyed the presence of a representative of the European Commission General Directorate of Education.

Then, we translated all the relevant documents exposed in the seminar to all the partners' languages for their subsequent publication. They are available on the RE.FORM.E web site.

2 VALIDATION OF NON FORMAL AND INFORMAL TRAINING WITHIN THE BUILDING SECTOR

We informed the members of RE.FORM.E network, and all the agents which take part in Vocational Training, of the common European principles in the validation of education and non formal and informal learning. Also, we analyzed the different approaches and practices developed for the identification and validation in national, regional and local frames.

Procedure

- Analyses done by each member of RE.FORM.E network in the field of validation of informal and non formal learning at a national, regional and local level within the building sector of each partner country.
- Work meeting of the partners in order to analyze their experiences on the validation of education and non formal and informal training at a national, regional and local level within the building sector.
- A seminar organized in Italy, in Turin, two weeks ago, to enable a broader knowledge of the validation systems developed within other activity sectors in the European Union frame. Exposition of good practices. Invitation of a member of the European Commission General Directorate of Education. Also, social agents of different European countries, among which we could find international organisms like European Construction Industry Federation FIEC and European Federation of Building and Woodworkers FETBB. The members of RE.FORM.E network were also present.
- All the relevant documents exposed in the seminar are available on the RE.FORM.E web site.

3 DIFFUSION OF THE QUALITY ASSURANCE AND OF THE EUROPEAN GUIDE OF EVALUATION

We aimed to promote among the members of RE.FORM.E network the results obtained on the enforcement of the European cooperation in the field of the Quality Assurance in professionals training. We would like to spread the activities launched by RE.FORM.E network on the subject of Quality in the European Building Schools.

Procedure

- During the second quarter of 2006, the partners have got into detail in the field of Vocational Training Quality in each participant country.
- After that preparation phase, a work meeting was held in Portugal. The main objective of this meeting was the analyses of organizations, in which management and workers meet on equal terms, priority in the implementation and development of quality in training and in Vocational Training systems in building schools. A searching for a common reference framework in the implantation of quality (CQAF - Common Quality Assurance Framework), done by the technical work group that focuses on the issue of education and vocational training within the Copenhagen process.

We would like to highlight the fact that the development of an operative model that favors the quality within the European building schools strongly depends on the quality of European youth exchanges. The latter began with the Charter of Quality Conduct on the Success of European Exchanges, developed by RE.FORM.E. network in 2003.

- All the relevant documents exposed in the seminar are available on the RE.FORM.E web site

4 UTILIZATION OF EUROPASS PORTFOLIO WITHIN THE BUILDING SECTOR

Enhancing and promotion of the using of Europass portfolio within the RE.FORM.E network, like we have already done with the using of Europass mobility, with the aim of favoring the European building workers qualifications transparency within the European Union and to easier the acquisition of knowledge and recognition of training outside the country of origin.

Procedure

- To make an inventory of Europass mobility of all partners of RE.FORM.E network on the part of each organization member, as well as of the certification systems used by each of them.
- Work meeting for the sharing of partner's good results.
- Organization of a seminar in Brussels with the aim of disclosing the good results obtained by the RE.FORM.E. network in the field of youth and trainers mobility, as well as the works done in order to favor the common European training of trainers, youth and building sector workers. Invitation of a representative of the European Commission General Directorate of Education in relation to the development of the Europass program; to members responsible for vocational training in Belgium; of social partners, trainers and business representatives.
- All the relevant documents exposed in the seminar are available on the RE.FORM.E web site