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Development of vocational training policy

- **Success at the Education Council of 28 May 2004:** important files concerning the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration have been adopted.
The Council reached a unanimous political agreement on the proposal for a decision on **Europass**, which will, by the way, also be integrated as a horizontal action into the new programme 2007-2013.
The Council has also adopted the resolution **on the reinforcement of the systems in the area of lifelong vocational guidance** and the **conclusions on quality assurance in vocational training** as well as the **conclusion on common principles for the identification and the validation of non formal or informal competences**.
Unanimous agreement was reached on the **modification to the Statutes of Cedefop**, necessary to take account of the enlargement.
- **In a first discussion on the Communication of the Commission on the new generation of education and**

training programmes post 2006, the Member States approved the idea of a new programme integrating education and training; they have also supported the orientations given in view of further simplification and decentralisation. A certain caution has been expressed concerning the budgetary objectives as the negotiations on the new financial perspectives are still ongoing.

- **Copenhagen coordination group meeting** on 3 June discussed the future of the Copenhagen process. The Maastricht Ministerial meeting on 14 December will adopt a political Communiqué which will set out new priorities and strategies for European cooperation in VET, placing the emphasis on implementation at national level of common European principles and reference developed through the Copenhagen process.
- **The post of Deputy Director of Cedefop** has been published; deadline for applications: 15 July 2004. Information: http://www.cedefop.gr/ban_qeneric.asp

Implementation of the Leonardo da Vinci programme

- **The new call for proposals 2005-2006, EAC/11/04**, covering the last phase of LdV II has been published (OJ C113 p.22 of 30 April 2004). The measures have been clearly set into the context of the Lisbon Objectives and the Copenhagen Declaration. The more systematic exploitation of training needs at sector level is one of the new strategic approaches.
Specific **priorities for procedure B and C** projects: Promoting transparency of qualifications, Developing the Quality of VET systems and practices, Developing relevant and innovative e-learning content, Continuous training of teachers and trainers.
A "**valorisation**" plan is now explicitly required with appropriate and adequate resources.

Priorities for the **Thematic Actions**: Credit Transfer in VET and Validation of non-formal and informal learning

- **Next Deadlines:**
 - 1 October 2004 – pre-proposals procedure B & C
 - 11 February 2005 – full proposals procedure B & C
 - 11 February 2005 – mobility projects

For details for submission and procedure please refer to the text of the call:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/leonardo/new/leonardo2_en.html

Dissemination and exploitation of results

- **Developing and promoting vocational training for social enterprises: Seminar** on 5 July 2004, 9.00 – 17.00, Brussels. This is a thematic seminar organised by Unit B3, "Dissemination and exploitation of results". "Social economy" projects funded by the EU's vocational training programme "Leonardo da Vinci" will have the opportunity to discuss their project experience with experts, social partners and potential users. The seminar aims at encouraging the further exploitation and transfer of project results. Please contact Herta.Adam@cec.eu.int for more information
- **Reminder: Deadline call for proposals** organisation of events for the exploitation of innovative project results on June 26th 2004.
http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/leonardo/new/leonardo2/events/index_en.html

E-learning – Minerva – Netdays

- **Welcome to the new Unit B4** responsible for Multimedia in Education, Training and Culture which has joined Directorate B. Head of Unit: Mrs. Maruja Gutierrez Diaz. The Language unit has moved to another directorate.
- **Call for proposals EAC/26/04**, projects in three of the four areas of intervention of the **eLearning programme**: Digital literacy, European virtual campuses and Transversal actions. Deadline for submission is the June 28th, 2004.
http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/elearning/call_eac2604_en.html
- **Call for tender for the central support service for the "e-twinning of schools and promotion of teacher training"** – deadline 20 July 2004
http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/elearning/twincall_en.html

Expected Events:

23-24 June: Advisory Committee Vocational Training

24-25 June: Conference Education Ministers in Oslo

29 June: ETF Management Board

30 June – 1 July: National Agency meeting

5 July: Group F (Mobility)

17 September: LdV Committee

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This leaflet is designed to provide a rapid information for the different groups involved in vocational training policy at European level: Leonardo Committee, Advisory Committee on Vocational Training, National Leonardo Agencies and others.

Website: http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/leonardo/new/leonardo2_en.html

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