



European University Continuing  
Education Network

## The European Association for University Lifelong Learning

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## EUCEN

### HISTORY: the beginning



- ◆ The first meeting was in Bristol, 4-5 May 1991

The first 15 members of EUCEN were:

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| ▪ Liege (BE)     | ▪ Porto (PT)      |
| ▪ Aalborg (DK)   | ▪ Granada (ES)    |
| ▪ Aarhus (DK)    | ▪ Valladolid (ES) |
| ▪ Bourdeaux (FR) | ▪ Bristol (UK)    |
| ▪ Hanover (DE)   | ▪ Cambridge (UK)  |
| ▪ Galway (IE)    | ▪ Exeter (UK)     |
| ▪ Pavia (IT)     | ▪ Oxford (UK)     |
| ▪ Leiden (NL)    |                   |

- ◆ The first Statutes were discussed and approved in Liege, 16 May 1992
- ◆ The first General Assembly was held at University of Barcelona, 16 May 1993, were the first members were formally accepted
- ◆ EUCEN has had four Presidents

# EUCEN ORGANISATION



## ◆ General Assembly of members once a year.

## ◆ Steering Committee:

- Michel Feutrie, Université des Sc et Tech Lille 1 (FR), President
- Kauko Hamalainen, University of Helsinki (FI), Vice-President
- Valeria Pavluska, University of Pecs (HU), Secretary General
- Agustí Ten, University of Barcelona – IL3 (ES), Treasurer
- Alison Hughes, University of Liverpool (UK)
- Rob Mark, Queen's University of Belfast (UK)
- Jean-Marie Dujardin, University of Liege (BE)
- Toril E Eide, University of Bergen (NO)

## Co-opted Member:

- Françoise de Viron, Université Catholique de Louvain (BE)

## ◆ Executive Office

- Core Activities
- Finance Unit

## ◆ Projects Director



# EUCEN AIMS AND OBJECTIVES



## ◆ Vision

- LLL to play a central part in University policy and provision
- Universities serving most effectively the people of Europe

## ◆ Mission

- Exchange of experience and information
- Harmonise levels of Quality for ULLL amongst members
- Validation of prior learning through development of University Credit Transfer and accumulation
- Influence European policy on ULLL

## ◆ Strategy

- Assist ULLL policy makers
- Promote projects of European relevance
- Provide a forum to discuss ULLL ideas
- Provide an accurate and rapid source of information
- Help members strengthen their contacts
- Encourage the exchange of information
- Provide academic and administrative support
- Promote priority relations with relevant external parties
- Support members wishing to develop European LLL research
- Provide opportunities for LLL staff development
- Seek opportunities for student exchange

# EUCEN MEMBERSHIP



- ◆ 163 universities as full members in 33 different European countries
- ◆ 15 universities as associate members
- ◆ 28 national networks for UCE/LLL and other international networks or institutions as affiliate members
- ◆ 7 affiliate members represented by individual (on behalf of non-formal international networks)

TOTAL of 213 MEMBERS in 39 different countries

# EUCEN EUROPEAN PROJECTS (I)



- ◆ EUCEN has passed from depending only of one project until 1997 to manage a wide range of projects in different areas.
  - 1 Project in 1997
  - 7 Projects in 2005
  - 12 Projects in 2007 (as contractors or partners)



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## EUROPEAN PROJECTS (II)



- ◆ **CURRENT PROJECTS with EUCEN as Contractor:**
  - Association 2008
  - BeFlex Plus - Benchmarking Flexibility in the Bologna Reforms
  - DOLCETA 4
  - EQUIPE Plus – European Quality in Individualised Pathways in Education Plus
  - OBSERVAL – European observatory of Validation of non-formal and informal activities
  - EQF Pro – Articulation between vocational and academic learning in University Education
  
- ◆ **OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS:**
  - ADD Life! (Partners. Main roles: dissemination and consultancy)
  - TULIP - Trade Unions and University Lifelong Learning in Partnership (Partners. Main role: dissemination)
  - VALUE – Volunteering and Lifelong Learning in Universities in Europe (Partners. Main role: dissemination)

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## CONFERENCES (I)



### EUCEN Conferences are:

- ◆ of European dimension
- ◆ focussed every time on a different and actual topic
- ◆ organised twice a year:
  - Spring - a conference in the traditional format
  - Autumn - a new format with the aim to provide services to our members:
    - Training sessions and staff development
    - Meetings to draft proposals
    - Study Visits
    - Meeting of National Networks
    - LLL Weeks
    - Etc...



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## NATIONAL/REGIONAL NETWORK: Collaboration and exchange



*EUCEN works with 14 Networks from 12 different European countries.  
New networks are now in the process of joining this group.*

### Current work:

- EUCEN website resource & links to National/Regional Networks web pages
- Meetings of National/Regional Networks Representatives at EUCEN Conferences
- Organised seminars or study visits
- Roles in EUCEN projects
- Support for regional groupings of National/Regional Networks
- Support for project development and lobbying at national and European level
- EUCEN representation at National/Regional Networks Conferences

### Future plans:

- Continuation of the current opportunities for National/Regional Networks
- Poster Sessions for National/Regional Networks at EUCEN Conferences
- Preparation of European level response to Education & Training 2010 national reports from the LLL perspective

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## MAIN BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP



Some of the benefits of being member of EUCEN are:

- ◆ Access to people, expertise and information across Europe
- ◆ Representation in European policy making process
- ◆ Institutional membership — all staff can participate
- ◆ Conference discounts
- ◆ Opportunity to join projects
- ◆ Support for your projects
- ◆ Web page newsletter and market place
- ◆ Discounts on journals
- ◆ Channel for dissemination of your activities