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STATE OF PLAY: END OF VISITS

The COMMIT project is progressing in its work: the visits phase will be soon finished and the project will enter a new phase of work!

- The Strategy process Tool
- The Strategy content Tool
- The Charter Tool
- The Attainment Tool

At the beginning of April the last project visit will take place. By that day, the 12 academic partners of the project will all have carried out the 12 peer learning visits. In the course of them, partners shared their views on ways to better integrate the social dimension in their university strategy.

eu cen has attended two of the visits as external observer, to monitor and report on the mechanic of the visits.

As a result of the peer learning visits, the project partners have observed an enhancement of their institutions' commitment to change towards a stronger engagement with lifelong learning strategies and the social dimension of universities.

Visits have been based on the principle of collaborative and collective learning between visited and visitor institution, and have involved a range of different representatives, transforming the process into a real organisational learning experience for the people and the institution involved. Partners have had the chance to analyse and discuss the 4 self-evaluation tools:

Two extra visits will be undertaken at the end of the project in 2 additional countries where COMMIT has no partners (Austria and Poland). This will contribute to further valorise the tools and results of the project.



NEXT STEPS: THE TRANSVERSAL ANALYSIS

At the end of each visit, visitor and visited partners produced comprehensive reports on the visit, summarizing the discussions held and including recommendations on the use of the tools. These reports, along with the tools completed by each partner, will be the basis for the transversal analysis which is going to start at the beginning of April 2015 and be finished by October 2015. The analysis will include an examination of the first 3 tools and a feasibility study on the 4th tool, in view of its wider use at national and European level.

An executive summary, a policy paper including recommendations, and a technical report covering the methodology and results of the data collection and analysis will be written and published.

To know more about the results of the transversal analysis, keep following the project activities at

<http://commit.eucen.eu>



DISCOVER OUR ASSOCIATE PARTNERS

Though the project final materials are not available yet, the outputs that will soon be published are already attracting a lot of interest. A number of institutions have demanded to join the project as Associate Partners. Some have already submitted their request letters, while others are in the process of doing so.

Associate partners cannot receive any funds, but they will have the chance to test the Tools produced by the project consortium before they are made available to the general public and to be informed on the project public meetings and conferences.

Here are the three institutions which have officially joined the project as Associate partners:

- Mykolo Romerio Universiteto (Lithuania)
- Instituto Politecnico de Leiria (Portugal)
- Université Rennes 2 (France)

A dedicated sub-section has been created in the project's website: <http://commit.eucen.eu/partners#AssocP>. All the institutions that formally request to become Associate Partners will be added to the list.

Should you want more information, please do not hesitate to contact us at commit@eucen.eu



PRESENTATION OF COMMIT AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Balázs Nemeth, newly elected president of the University Lifelong Learning Network in Hungary and Associate Professor at the University of Pécs - one of the project partners - presented COMMIT at the 2015 Winter School of University of Würzburg “Comparative Studies on Adult and Lifelong Learning”, in February 2015, with the participation of representatives of 30 university institutions.



An abstract has also been submitted to present the COMMIT project in a dedicated workshop during next [eucen annual Conference](#), which will be held at Boğaziçi University in Istanbul, Turkey from June 3rd to 5th in 2015.

The Conference will focus on three main topics:

- building bridges together between higher education and vocational education;
- diversity in learning forms;
- existing and developing partnerships between education and external actors, especially employment-related.

COMMIT Partnership:

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Université catholique de Louvain, BE

Turun yliopisto, FI

Université de Bretagne Occidentale, FR

Universidade de Aveiro, PT

University of Stuttgart, DE

Dublin City University, IE

Bogaziçi Üniversitesi, TR

Università degli Studi di Genova, IT

Panepistimio Ioanninon, GR

Universitatea Tehnică "Gheorghe Asachi" din Iași, RO

Universitat Rovira i Virgili, ES

Pécsi Tudományegyetem, HU

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