

## SHORT INFORMATION SHEET FOR USERS OF THE COMMIT SELF-ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Congratulations! Someone in your institution has decided to run a self-assessment process on University Lifelong Learning (ULLL) and its social dimension.

Thank you very much for accepting to participate in this activity based on the idea developed by the **COMMIT** project <http://commit.eucen.eu> coordinated by **eucen**.

For more information about this project please consult its leaflet or its website.

### What does **COMMIT** understand by ULLL?

*ULLL is the provision by Higher Education Institutions of learning opportunities, services and research for: the personal and professional development of a wide range of individuals - lifelong and lifewide; and the social, cultural and economic development of communities and the region. It is at university level and research-based; it focuses primarily on the needs of the learners; and it is often developed and/or provided in collaboration with stakeholders and external actors.*

Definition from the BeFlex project (Agreement number 2006/0073-001-001, Socrates)

### What does **COMMIT** understand by Social Dimension?

*The social dimension of ULLL can be located on two dimensions: the **individual** and the **collective**. The goals on the **individual** level are to provide a socially just access, retention and success process for students, lifelong learners and university staff. On the **collective** dimension the goal is to transfer relevant academic knowledge to society and enable groups of people inside and outside university to build an ecologically, socially and economically sustainable society.*

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#### ■ Which are the main benefits for your institution?

- To stop the day to day work and dedicate an exclusive slot of time to see how your institution works in respect to ULLL and its social dimension, which is your institution's strategy and vision about it and share this reflection with different internal actors
- To use a set of tested and verified tools that can be re-used in the future for monitoring improvement at certain levels
- To receive advice and guidance from an external expert<sup>1</sup> to help you analyse what you do, how you do it and if there is room for improvement at any level

#### ■ Which are the main benefits for you personally?

- To participate in a most interesting and illuminating process, interacting with other colleagues at different levels, with a common objective to make yours a better and more socially-friendly institution
- To actively participate in the possible re-shaping of your institution's strategy

#### ■ What do you commit to do by participating in the self-assessment?

- To dedicate some of your time (previously agreed when and how long) throughout 2 days of work that are planned for this activity
- To be cooperative, open and honest in the interviews with the Chair of this self-assessment process and other internal participants of this activity

#### ■ What will happen with the information collected during the self-assessment?

- The data and information collected is totally confidential and will remain within your institution for internal use and possible future development or monitoring. In the case that your institution requests the collaboration of an external expert, neither him/her nor **eucen** will keep or use any information disclosed during the visit without specific permission from your institution. It is totally up to your institution to decide what to do and how to use the collected data.

<sup>1</sup> This is only upon specific request to **eucen** that will assign an expert to visit and help in this process. Please consult **eucen** for further details: [office@eucen.eu](mailto:office@eucen.eu) stating in the subject "**COMMIT consultancy**"