



If interested in joining the “Getting Started Pilot”, contact initially:

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Join us in piloting the eTTCampus project

The eTTCampus project aims at setting up, developing and consolidating a European Virtual Campus for teachers and trainers. On the virtual campus, teachers and trainers can directly compare experiences on the pedagogical use of ICT and learn through context-based work. This virtual agora and learning space will develop teachers' and trainers' knowledge, skills and understanding of the pedagogical, critical and responsible use of ICT for learning purpose. The project is coordinated by the Finnish National Board of Education and the partners are ISFOL (IT), INNOVE (EE), ISM (FR), Hungarian National Observatory, Malta Training and Employment Corporation, Comenius University (SK), UPC (ES), University of Greenwich (UK), CEDEFOP, Eden and Eifel.

As background for the development of the eTTCampus, 770 respondents from 45 countries participated in an end-user survey mapping what teachers and trainers would like the European Virtual Campus to be. According to the teachers and trainers, a good Virtual Campus would include good practices, case studies, practice problems or exercises. They would like to work on issues such as the use of ICT for training of teachers and trainers, the didactic models for e-learning and learning assessment models. At the Virtual Campus, the respondents would like to communicate via e-mails, forums and devices for document sharing. Problem solving, supported self-learning and work based learning would be the most useful pedagogical strategies for a Virtual Campus.

Welcome to pilot the eLearning Events at eTTCampus!

From the participants of the above-mentioned survey, more than 500 people expressed willingness to get involved in the piloting phase of the project. We are expecting and inviting others to join this interesting exercise. We are happy to announce that the eTTCampus will be ready to be piloted Wednesday 15 February 2006. After this date you will be able to access the learning events at <http://www.ettcampus.net/elearning>. On this site you will also be asked to fill in an evaluation form.

Everyone is welcome to pilot the eTTCampus, regardless their professional background, however especially teacher trainers could expect to find it most useful to integrate the newly gained knowledge into their work with teacher students.

The eTTCampus offers teachers and trainers a Virtual Campus comprising of essential elements arising from the end-user survey. On the eTTCampus, teachers and trainers can find self-directed or group learning events. The learning events are based on collaboration with participants from different European countries via the use of forums, chats, wikis, blogs and document management

systems. Various resources are made available to the participants. At this stage there are the following five learning events:

Supporting your teaching with eLearning - Getting Started is a workshop the goal of which is to introduce teachers and trainers to the concept of eLearning including various models and approaches, discuss strengths and weaknesses and impact on practice. It is directed to teachers and trainers in VET with little or no experience of using e-learning in their teaching.

ePedagogy - Implementing eLearning concepts through the use of different learning theories .

The goal of this learning event is to assist teachers and trainers to convert the traditional face to face lesson into learning material applicable in eLearning from the perspective of different learning theories. The target audience are VET teachers who are novices in eLearning. The course offers tutors for the duration of the course.

eTechnologies for learning

The aim of this learning event is to provide ideas for teachers to use different technologies, to design courses by choosing the appropriate ones and to provide tools and concepts connected to ICT for eLearning. This learning event is designed for teachers and trainers who already use technologies in their practice, but who are also opened for enriching their "tool-kit". We are also encouraging those teachers and trainers to join the learning event, who would like to learn about and experiment with e-learning technologies.

Equal communication and materials in e-learning

The goal of this learning event is to provide teachers with some tools and knowledge needed in overcoming communicational barriers with disabled persons in elearning. Every teacher who designs e-learning material, or any other learning material, will benefit from this learning event.

eCompetencies for European Teachers and Trainers

This learning event aims at introducing the Teacher and Trainer community in Europe to the concept and practice of the competency-based approach to learning and development, and to assist them in using a competency framework to review, evaluate and adapt their current programmes where appropriate.

If you would like to participate in the pilot "Getting Started" group, we intend to launch in early February. We envisage the time needed would be 10 hours over a 3 week period.

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