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General Assembly of EUCEN

Valletta (Malta), 07-09 November 2012



EUCEN's next General Assembly will take place at 19:30 on Wednesday 07 November 2012 at the Presidential Palace, St. George's Square, Valletta (MT), during the 44rd EUCEN Conference. If that meeting is not attended by two-thirds of the full membership of EUCEN, the General Assembly will be convened at 09:00 on Friday 09 November 2012 at the University of Malta Valletta Campus (Old University Building, St Paul Street - Aula Magna) and deemed to be quorate.

The main items of the agenda are the President and the Secretary General reports and the Budget for 2013. Papers will be available in EUCEN's website in due course. The link to the section for the next meeting is http://www.eucen.eu/members_room/general_assembly (**Note:** you must be registered in the website and logged in before you try to use this link).

Please also note that there will be elections of the Steering Committee in Malta. There are 7 places announced (including the President post). Members of staff from Full Member Universities are invited to send their candidacies. Deadline for submission of the documentation is **11 October 2012**. Information of the requirements for standing for election can be found in the above link under "Candidate Pack". Once you have collected your papers, you can send them for the attention of Professor Françoise de Viron to the Barcelona office (see contact details at the bottom of this page).

Remember that this meeting will be embedded in **EUCEN's 44th European Conference** hosted by the University of Malta. You can register to the conference easily using the on-line tool following this link <http://www.um.edu.mt/events/eucen2012>. An update about the conference is given overleaf.

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Call for Contributions:

Thanks to everyone who has sent an abstract for the Call for Contributions. All the abstracts have now been reviewed and the respective authors have been informed of the decision taken by the Scientific Committee of the Conference.

If you still have good ideas related to the topics of the conference that you did not have time to submit for this conference, please note that we will still accept good abstracts for the **poster exhibit area**.

Link for the "Call for Proposals":

<http://www.um.edu.mt/events/eucen2012/callforproposals>

Direct link to the form to submit an abstract for the poster exhibit area:

http://www.um.edu.mt/_data/assets/word_doc/0018/152145/eucenposter.doc

Registration

You can easily register using the on-line registration form:

<https://www.um.edu.mt/events/eucen2012/registration/regform>

Remember that the deadline for Early Bird registrations ends 10 October 2012. EUCEN members reduced fee is only **400€**. After this date the registration fee becomes 440€. If you experience problems registering on-line, please contact EUCEN by email on executive.office@eucen.org

For questions connected to invoices, please contact Lucienne Bugeja directly on lucienne.m.bugeja@um.edu.mt

Main Conference Topics and Programme:

- Border-crossing
- Access
- Collaboration
- Migration

Do not forget that prestigious Professors recognised internationally such as Prof André E Mazawi (University of British Columbia, Canada) and Prof Peter Mayo (University of Malta) are the keynote speakers of our conference. You will be able to interact with them, discuss aspects of the conference and exchange opinions. The updated Programme of the conference will be available the week starting 8 October 2012. **Keep an eye on this link!**

<http://www.um.edu.mt/events/eucen2012/draftprogramme>

The testing of the IMPLEMENT on-line courses has now finished



From 17 to 28 September, the project *IMPLEMENT – Implementing ULLL through training and development* – offered free access to all those individuals or groups interested in testing the five new on-line courses on the topics of:

- Exploring Diversity in University Lifelong Learning
- Curriculum in Partnership
- Implementing Institutional Change in University Lifelong Learning
- Recognition of Prior Learning
- Regional Collaboration and Partnership in University Lifelong Learning

Thanks to all your comments and feedback, these on-line courses will now undergo their final improvement stage before the official launch the 7 November in Valletta, Malta. Those who cannot join us face-to-face in Malta will be able to follow the event live! The introductory session of the project’s final training event will be broadcasted via streaming. Stay tuned on <http://implement.euicen.eu> and don’t miss the chance!

Practice-sharing and European networking around validation of non-formal and informal learning (VNIL) in OBSERVAL-Net



The OBSERVAL-Net partnership held its **Peer Learning Meeting** in Geneva (CH), 3 October 2012. The group discussed the project’s theme areas of the professionalisation of VNIL practitioners, the bottom up approach of VNIL initiatives and work-based competence development and recognition. The meeting included the participation of seven ministry partners and four experts who contributed to the meeting with different perspectives on the Bottom Up approach, national education systems and VNIL, work-based learning and VNIL policy implementation to discussions. The discussions and exchange around the three project themes and the first analysis of the case studies on the [OBSERVAL-Net Observatory](#) provided valuable aspects, which will be included in the further development of the project outcomes.



Aune Valk, Policy Leader of the project, moderated the meeting and invited participants to exchange ideas about the need and the possible tasks for a European VNIL network. The presentations of the Peer Learning meeting will be available on the OBSERVAL-Net Observatory by 11 October. ***You are welcome to visit the observatory, register, use existing materials and include new ones!***