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Message from the President

Dear All,

Holidays are coming soon and I wish you very pleasant days. I am looking forward to meeting you at the Maastricht conference (October 25-27) and hope that all of you are in good health and full of energy.

EfVET members have been working hard to improve added value for members. EfVET offers support now to members for the implementation of project results. You may contact Wolfgang Stutzman (wolfgang.stutzmann@t-online.de) for further information. If you have any question about starting a new project you may contact Wolfgang for EfVET support.

EfVET has been contracted by the European Commission to organize a consultation on the Life Long Learning memorandum of the European Commission. Some members have expressed their concern that this memorandum is a bit far away from their daily work. I can understand that very well. But on the other hand, the demand is for good practices under the six objectives, and I know that members have such good practices in their institutions. It is important that practitioners share their experience and know-how and are ready to join the Commission in the process of improving vocational education and training in Europe.

We have also invested in upgrading the international profile of EfVET. We are engaged in the establishment of the World Federation next year in Melbourne. See www.wfworldcongress.com for information. We are in the process of improving our relation with VET institutions in South Africa and with the Association of Polytechnics in Africa (CAPA) and with institutions in China through the Northern Jiaotong University and through a letter of intent signed with the Zhongtai Yihe Enterprises Consultancy Co Ltd. Members who are looking for international cooperation in

Africa or China can now use these channels. And, institutions in these parts of the world will use EfVET as a channel to search for partners in Europe.

We are happy to announce further cooperation with CEDEFOP. You will see the results in the coming period on the our web site (www.efvet.org) and in the newsletter.

The conference in Maastricht (October 25-27) is very promising. There will be a student conference related to it. We have excellent speakers and the best workshops. There is a lot of experience in the regions about regional cooperation across the borders and colleagues are happy to share their experiences. The conference will also be the opportunity to meet friends and colleagues and to enjoy Maastricht. You may find more information on our website (www.efvet.org). A brochure will appear shortly.

The Steering Committee has started an initiative to improve membership. Marketing materials will be available soon for National Boards.

Mara Garofalo has left the Central office for personal reasons. We have said goodbye to her during the recent Steering Committee meeting. I want to thank her for all the work done and the good working relations with many of our members! The Central office will continue to function, financial matters will be accounted for by a specialized firm.

Paul Andy Andersen is not longer our vice president. Work for his college did not allow him to do this any longer. He will however continue to care for Membership issues. I want to thank Paul Andy for the work done and the friendship he has given to all of us. The English National Board has nominated Pete Hodgson as the new Vice President. This was the only nomination and the Steering Committee was happy to decide that Pete will be the new Vice President from the first of July 2001. I am sure you will hear from him.

I hope that you appreciate the work done. We are happy to receive your comments, either

through the National Boards or directly to me (h.vanaalst@kpcgroep.nl)

Again: I wish you very good and healthy holidays!

Hans F. van Aalst

President

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10th Annual International Conference

This year we will hold our **10th International EFVET Conference** in The Netherlands, in the city of **Maastricht** on **25, 26 and 27 October**.

This city has a special meaning in the history of the creation of the European Community because of the fact that in the treaty that was signed there, in 1992, for the first time two articles were devoted to Vocational Education and Training.

The conference will focus on the importance of the students in Vocational Education and Training for the European economy. VET colleges provide about 60% of the workers in industry and the small and medium sized enterprises and are therefore an important economic factor in the knowledge society. The title of the conference is:

"VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING: FOCUS ON STUDENTS"

Parallel to the conference there will be an **international conference for students**, which will be held in the ROC (Regional Education and Training Centre) Leeuwenborgh in Maastricht.

The students will stay in the hotel of that college.

At the end of our conference we will be able to compare the outcomes with the outcomes of the student conference. We have asked the National Bodies to financially sponsor two students from their country to attend.

The co-ordinator of this conference is Jan van Putten, board member of EFVET-NL:

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The conference venue will be the "Hotel van der Valk, and there will be ample space for delegates and members of EFVET to display their products and/or disseminate their (European) projects, this will be free of charge.

The co-ordinator of this is Leif Haar, board member of EFVET-DK: leha@tietgen.dk

During the conference there will be a "round table" session, delegates/members who are interested to introduce a subject are requested to inform the co-ordinator, Lida Kappetijn, board member of EFVET-NL: l.kappetijn@zadkine.nl

There also will be quite a large delegation from China, not only from colleges, but also from small en medium seized enterprises. It would be wise, if you are planning to attend this conference, to inform your local industry about this unique opportunity to speak to and possibly do business with a Chinese partner.

Please note the dates: 25, 26 and 27 October in your diary, this is a conference you cannot afford to miss.

If you would like to have more information, please mail to: efvet.central@skynet.be

or phone the central office: +32 2 511 0740

From week 28 the full programme and further details will be on our WEB site: www.efvet.org

In the last week of August you will receive the printed brochure by "snail mail"

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The NGO Consultation on the EC Memorandum on Life Long Learning (an update)

This collaborative project linking EfVET and the 5 other European NGO Networks as outlined in our last newsletter, is now moving to its second stage following the consultation with all EfVET Members. Wolfgang and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who found the time to complete the EfVET Questionnaire on the 6 key issues and to present alongside these – a series of exemplars of ‘good practice’.

EfVET has appointed an ‘Expert’ to bring together the findings of the consultation in to a comprehensive report which will present VET practitioners views on the 6 key messages. The exemplars of good practice will also form a key element of our presentation to the European Commission.

The final stage of the process culminates in the European Commission NGO Conference to be held in Brussels on September 10th 2001 – where EfVET will present a workshop alongside our partner networks. Towards the end of September 2001 – our joint activities will lead to a series of ‘Actions’ to go forward to assist the Commission in drawing up National Action Plans for the future.

Copies of the report and Conference activities will be available on the EfVET Website in the near future. It is hoped that this project will lead to our increasing involvement and working directly with the Commission in this important role of policy development as it affects VET.

For more information please check out www.efvet.org. or contact

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International ReSkU

a training the trainer resource pack



ReSkU – Re-engaging through Skill Upgrading is a transnational pilot project funded through the Leonardo programme of the European Commission with the aim of researching, developing and evaluating appropriate learning methodologies to support disaffected people facing disengagement from education and training. The project has recently been completed and the final products are close to publication.

What is ReSkU?

This Transnational Pilot Project has been established to test and evaluate new methodologies and learning approaches aimed at re-engaging disaffected people and those facing disengagement from education and training by raising their skills and achievements.

In particular, the project concentrates on raising the key skills necessary for disaffected persons to re-engage in learning and actively participate in economic life more effectively.

Specific objectives of the project

- Identify the nature and characteristics of the disaffection
- Research the scale and extent of disaffection in partner countries
- Identify models of 'good practice' using case studies and other approaches
- Establish a transnational 'key trainer' team
- Pilot new approaches to addressing key skills with the target group
- Test and evaluate the results in terms of skills upgrading and achievement
- Develop a Staff Training Pack to support those trainers working with the disaffected and provide a toolkit of resource material for staff

Who are our target groups?

Young people aged between 12 and 19 who are disaffected in some way.

Piloting new approaches

Each partner has identified a target group of those facing disaffection and has used a variety of model approaches and methodologies aimed at raising the key skills of the group. This has been done by drawing on the good practice and exemplar models developed by the transnational key training team.

Key aspects of the Pilot programmes included:





- Understanding and recognizing disaffection
- Conducting Initial Assessment
- Meeting individual needs
- Action Planning
- Key skills development and diagnostic testing
- Providing Individual Support
- Monitoring progress and Managing Progression

What are the Project outcomes and Resources?

A range of tools and resources have been developed and produced to support those tutors and teachers working with disaffected people. The final outcomes from the project include:

- National reports on the scale and characteristics of disaffection incorporating appropriate tools for the identification of disaffection in partner countries and evaluation techniques relating to pilot activities. These include the impact of activities to the target groups in relation to skills upgrading and achievement.
- A Staff Development Training Resource Pack to enable trainers to support the development of 'key skills'
- A website: resku.org incorporating all development activity and reports plus the downloadable resources and toolkits described will be available soon
- A European Transnational Project Conference to disseminate the project outcomes
- A Good Practice Guide to working with disaffected people incorporating model approaches to learning suited to individual needs and a range of case studies / resources used to support such learners offering the user a toolkit of resources

Project Partners

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From the Webmaster

The EfVET web is still in a transition phase, but the overall layout will be as it is now. If you have any suggestions please send an e-mail to the webmaster ka@ots.dk

What is now really needed is an active participation in the discussions found through the "Communication" menu (the top menu bar).

The minutes from EfVET meetings can now be accessed from the "Documents" menu. They have previously been placed under "News and Newsletters", but "Documents" seems to be the right place.

All EfVET members have the right to disseminate their projects through the EfVET web pages. To do so send a short description of the project to the EfVET web-master: ka@ots.dk The description may then link to more information like contact persons or even the full report. The

choice is yours! The EfVET web server is available to you.

The [EfVET video](#) with memorable moments from the year 2000 conference in Thessalonica is now available online here: www.efvet.org/conferences/video2000.html

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Impressum

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