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SVEA: Promoting web 2.0 in VET and adult training

SVEA is a newly launched European Leonardo Da Vinci project, which focuses on promoting the use of web 2.0 in VET and adult training institutions. SVEA's goal is to cultivate new work processes and communication strategies through the use of web-based technology. Upgrading web 2.0 skills in VET and adult training institutions will foster innovation and change in personnel and organisational management. It will also allow for more learner-centred and self-paced education methods.

SVEA will develop an online platform offering custom web 2.0 tools for trainers and teachers, combined with both an online and a face-to-face training programme to help the target group master these web 2.0 applications. Guidelines and training material to guarantee successful implementation will also be designed.

SVEA is coordinated by MFG Baden-Württemberg (Germany). Partners are CSP – ICT Innovation in Italy, Fundecyt in Spain, EuroPACE ivzw in Belgium and Coleg Sir Gâr in Wales.

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EU-VIP Enterprise – University Virtual Placements

EU-VIP is a project in the framework of the Lifelong Learning Programme of the European Commission. Its main goal is to enhance international work placements through the use of new technologies.

“Enhancing international work placements through the use of new technologies”

Work placements can play an important role in the knowledge transfer between higher education institutions and the business community. In a global economy it is also becoming more and more important to introduce students to an international working environment during their education. When students do go abroad for a work placement, the integration of this placement in the curriculum is not always optimal. Furthermore, there are also students who, for financial, geographical or social reasons, do not have the possibility to go abroad. The EU-VIP project will design models and services for:

- virtual mobility activities to prepare students for a stay abroad and to sustain the experience after they return;
- fully virtual placements.

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EU-VIP was launched in October 2009 and will run until the end of September 2011. The project is coordinated by AVNet-K.U.Leuven. EuroPACE is responsible for dissemination and publication of the project results.



Stakeholder meeting

The project partners will organise stakeholder events to collect ideas, experiences and feedback from the different target groups (higher education institutions, companies and students). A first workshop and stakeholder meeting will be organised on Thursday, 22 April 2010, during the SPACE conference in Budapest, Hungary.

Check out the conference website for more information: www.space-eu.info/space_conferences.aspx

EPICS: Towards a Virtual Erasmus scheme

EuroPACE is currently participating in the EPICS project which is working towards mainstream provision of Virtual Mobility by offering international courses as integral part of the university study programmes. The main objective is to work from Virtual Mobility projects towards a Virtual Erasmus programme. To institutionalise mainstream provision of Virtual Mobility the project is developing the supporting infrastructure of a **European Portal for International Courses and Services** (EPICS). In this process of development a stakeholder meeting was organised 30 March 2010, in Brussels where the project and the portal was presented and feedback from stakeholders was collected.

Learn more:
www.eadtu.nl/epics

Higher education institutions interested in being involved in the EPICS network either by presenting courses from their own curriculum/virtual mobility project on the EPICS platform, or by providing access for their students to a selection of courses from other universities based on Virtual Erasmus bilateral agreements, are invited to join this initiative and to contact the EuroPACE secretariat or the project coordinator – George Ubachs at EADTU (george.ubachs@eadtu.nl). Interested institutions will receive detailed guidelines regarding the offering of courses and/or provision of access in EPICS.



EMQT: Erasmus Mobility Quality Tools

The EMQT project, coordinated by the University of Padova (Italy), consists in setting up an “Erasmus structural network”, whose general aim is to identify organisational models, good practices, benchmarking procedures and related indicators, which should characterise the quality of the students’ exchange mobility. Main foreseen outputs include “Guidelines for good practice in Erasmus Mobility” and a “Quality Tools’ Box”, describing key indicators, data collecting protocols, mechanisms and procedures for internal and external evaluations, etc. which should help Higher Education Institutions to improve their performances in Erasmus mobility.

Learn more:
www.emqt.org



Make a contribution to our website or one of our Move-IT seminars and webinars to give your project on blended mobility or e-coaching more exposure!

“Move-IT aims to promote and increase the visibility of projects on blended mobility and e-coaching”

The Move-IT project, coordinated by EuroPACE, aims to promote and increase the visibility of projects on blended mobility and e-coaching. To this end, Move-IT will exchange the outcomes and results from its predecessor VM-BASE (Virtual Mobility Before and After Student Exchanges) and other projects in the field of virtual mobility. The project will trigger the discussion and keep blended and virtual mobility high on the agenda of the different European stakeholders.

The blended mobility seminars and the e-coaching webinars will inform a.o. about the support of exams at a distance through ICT, selection of students through web conferencing tools, preparation and coaching of exchange students through new educational technologies like web 2.0 and social software tools, etc. E-coaching in itself is a new way of instructing and will be promoted, thereby broadening the e-competences of teachers, tutors, International Relation Officers, ... by training them in the use of the most innovative ICT tools.

If you are using virtual mobility, web 2.0 tools, streaming video, videoconferencing or other technologies to support physically mobile students and teachers, or if your project has one of these subjects as its focus, then share your experience with others through our website or during one of our Move-IT seminars and workshops. More information on upcoming events can be found at the Move-IT website: move-it.europace.org

A first workshop on “Virtual Support for Mobile Students” will be organised on Thursday, 22 April 2010, during the SPACE conference in Budapest (www.space-eu.info/space_conferences.aspx).

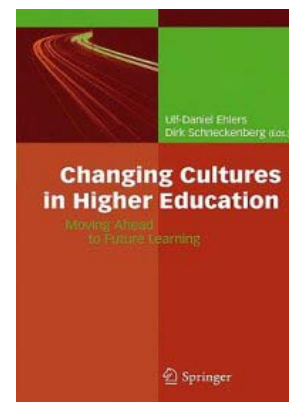
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Publications

“Changing Cultures in Higher Education. Moving Ahead to Future Learning” Edited by Ulf-Daniel Ehlers & Dirk Schneckenberg

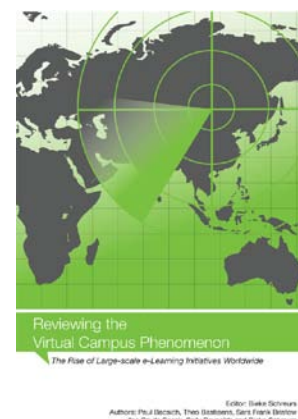
“Changing Cultures in Higher Education” presents strategic approaches for innovation in universities. The contributions explore new models for developing and engaging faculty in technology-enhanced education, and they detail underlying reasons for why quality assessment and evaluation in new – and often informal – learning scenarios have to change. EuroPACE staff and members have contributed to this handbook with chapters such as “The UNIQUE Label: Supporting a Culture of Innovation and Quality in Higher Education” (Annemie Boonen & Helena Bijmens), “Stories of Change: the K.U.Leuven, Belgium” (Wim Van Petegem) and “Stories of Change: TieVie – The Support Service for Finnish Universities Towards the Information Society” (Anna-Kaarina Kairamo & Matti Sinko).



“Reviewing the Virtual Campus Phenomenon: The Rise of Large-Scale e-Learning Initiatives Worldwide”

Edited by Bieke Schreurs - Authors: Paul Bacsich, Theo Bastiaens, Sara Frank Bristow, Ilse Op de Beeck, Sally Reynolds & Bieke Schreurs

This book, published as a result of the Re.ViCa project (“Reviewing (European) Virtual Campuses”), provides a comprehensive and useful appraisal of Virtual Campuses worldwide. The online version can be downloaded at the project website (<http://revica.europace.org>) or at the project wiki (<http://www.virtualcampuses.eu>). The print version can be ordered from the EuroPACE secretariat.



“The book constitutes a good piece of work related to Virtual Campuses.”
(European Commission project evaluation)

“WebCEF. Collaborative evaluation of oral language skills through the web” Edited by Helena Bijmens

In this handbook the experiences of the WebCEF project (“Collaborative assessment of oral language skills through the web”) are gathered. WebCEF supported the collaborative assessment of oral language proficiency through a web-based environment and enables the language learner and teacher to evaluate his/her own video and audio samples together with peers and colleagues across Europe. The print version of this publication can be ordered from the EuroPACE secretariat.

For further information, check out the WebCEF project website: <http://www.webcef.eu> and the website of the follow-up project CEFcult: <http://www.cefcult.eu>



“The WebCEF project website is very rich in terms of material and very user-friendly.”
(European Commission project evaluation)

Calendar: upcoming meetings and events

- **CareerCon Conference & EUE-Net Annual Symposium, Vienna, Austria, 15-18 April 2010**
www.careercon.eu

- **SPACE conference, Budapest, Hungary, 21-23 April 2010**
www.space-eu.info/space_conferences.aspx



22 April 2010: EU-VIP Stakeholder meeting & Move-IT Workshop

- **Third University-Business Forum, Brussels, Belgium, 4-5 May 2010**
- **EUGENE management meeting, Paris, France, 6-7 May 2010**
www.eugene.unifi.it
- **Move-IT webinar, Leuven, Belgium, 7 May 2010**
move-it.europace.org
- **Lifelong Learning conference, Barcelona, Spain, 19 May 2010**
- **EPICS project meeting, Madrid, Spain, 19-21 May 2010**
www.eadtu.nl/epics
- **Move-IT webinar, Leuven, Belgium, 27 May 2010**
move-it.europace.org
- **EUCEN conference, Rovaniemi, Finland, 27-29 May 2010**
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