



European Network Education and Training in Occupational Safety and Health

EU Funding for Education and Training from 2014

Negotiations regarding the new EU funding period beginning in 2014 are ongoing, with the topics of education and training set to become part of a new EU framework programme.

The current Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) will also be

integrated into the new EU framework programme. This will see resources in the fields of education, training, youth and sport bundled with those made available through six other funding programmes. The name "ERASMUS+" has been selected for the new framework programme ahead of the European Commission's previous working title of "Erasmus for All".

New framework programme – familiar sub-programmes

The EU Commission's first proposal for The European Commission's initial proposal for the new framework programme included numerous reforms, some of them involving significant reorganization. The current negotiation status now points towards fewer changes from 2014 onwards than originally planned, with the bulk of the existing structure of the Lifelong Learning Programme to be incorporated into ERASMUS+ after all. To give an example, this means that the well-established brand names of sub-programmes such as Leonardo da Vinci and Grundtvig will be retained.

Mix of established and new content

Set to focus on the core themes of qualification and mobility, ERASMUS+ will represent a mix of established and new content. The new framework programme will concentrate on the provision of targeted transnational learning opportunities and the adaptation of training to meet the needs of the labour market.

The funding of practical placements for first-phase trainees and vocational training staff will continue. The future focus in this regard will nevertheless be vocational training and



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the promotion of the mobility of skilled workers during their vocational education. One important change is that all applications will have to be made via institutions (i.e. applications from individual applicants will no longer be accepted).

Larger budget

Unlike its predecessor, ERASMUS+ will not be structured according to educational sectors, but instead according to three types of initiative: (1) Learning mobility for individuals, (2) strategic partnerships and (3) support for political reform.

The new framework programme is to have a far larger budget for education than that made available during the current funding period. Current figures foresee a budget of at least 13 billion euros for ERASMUS+ between 2014 and 2020.

Initial call for proposals expected in late 2013

The new EU framework programme ERASMUS+ is still a work in progress. Further details will be announced during the course of the autumn once the programme has officially been passed. This will provide a legally binding foundation for the publication of a call for project proposals in around November/December 2013. Deadlines for submission are therefore likely to be scheduled for spring 2014. In addition to the EU's own websites and information events held in Brussels by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), the free newsletter "EU-Fördertipp" (<http://www.emcra.eu/tipp>) represents another good way to keep up-to-date with current developments in this field. The German-language newsletter regularly reports on changes to the EU funding landscape from 2014 onwards.

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Editorial

Important events are ahead of us: The XX World Congress on Safety and Health at Work – Global Forum for Prevention and a new EU framework programme Erasmus+. This 11th issue of the ENETOSH Newsletter refers to these developments.

In addition ENETOSH members report about their work: Train the teachers in VET in Catalonia; the work of the ENETOSH Ambassadors; international cooperation with the Russian Federation; and recent improvements on the ENETOSH web platform.

The future depends on our perspective.
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Education and Culture

Leonardo da Vinci

Memorandum of Understanding Between NAOOSH (Russian Federation) and ENETOSH

As part of the 14th ENETOSH Network Meeting in Turin, a Memorandum of Understanding between the National Association of Organizations in Occupational Safety and Health (NAOOSH) and ENETOSH was signed on 5 November 2012. The aim of the memorandum is to establish relations between the two organizations with a view to strengthening and extending cooperation between the Russian Federation and European Union's countries in the sphere of education and training in occupational safety and health.

NAOOSH

The National Association of Organizations in Occupational Safety and Health was founded in 2011. At present it consists of 67 organizations all over Russia. They deal with issues of training and education in occupational safety and provide services in occupational safety and health.

Standard for OSH professionals

NAOOSH and the All-Russia Institute for Occupational Safety and Labor Economics (VCOT) have developed an occupational standard for OSH professionals. The standard contains typical work tasks, educational levels, knowledge and skills needed to successfully do their job. In accordance with national legislation the standard will be reviewed by a special working group on professional standards.

Based on this occupational standard, a draft educational standard for OSH professionals (bachelor's degree) will be developed. In the next few years certification centres for OSH competencies will be established. The occupational standard will lay the foundation for testing applicants and awarding them a certificate of competence.

NAOOSH activities and events

In March 2013 NAOOSH co-sponsored a conference on accreditation of laboratories

and OSH training centres. More than 190 companies that provide training services and conduct workplace audits discussed problems and the future of the national accreditation system.

In June 2013, NAOOSH organized an All-Russia Conference on occupational safety services. More than 200 organizations that provide OSH services (workplace audits and training services) came to Nizhny Novgorod to discuss changes in legislation and to exchange best practices and experiences in providing OSH services.

In addition, NAOOSH regularly takes part in other events on occupational safety. Examples of these include the World Day for Safety and Health at Work, a conference on regulations on risk management and workplace audits; VII International Conference on Occupational Safety and Health; and XVII International Exhibition of Personal Protective Equipment.

In April-June of 2013, a contest among graduate students was held in order to recognize the best student research projects in OSH. Students from 50 Russian universities were invited to take part in the contest. The results will be published in October 2013.

Memorandum of Understanding (excerpt)

Cooperation between NAOOSH and ENETOSH might be developed on:

1. Development of all-sided cooperation of Russian and European organizations in the field of education and training on occupational safety and health by means of: sharing information, experience and research findings on the principles, policies and practices of OSH education and training; supporting the use of effective tools to improve education and training on OSH in educational establishments and companies, especially in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs); cooperat-

ing in developing OSH proposals/strategies at scientific level, where this meets the interests of both parties.

2. Communication between NAOOSH and ENETOSH.

3. Cooperation in scientific and practical mass events.

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World Congress in Safety and Health at Work 2014

We would like to welcome you to the XX World Congress on Safety and Health at Work – Global Forum for Prevention.

This congress will take place from 24 to 27 August 2014 in Frankfurt – in the heart of Germany.

The ambitious program covers three main topics:

- (1) Prevention Culture – Prevention Strategies – Vision Zero,
- (2) Challenges in Occupational Health and
- (3) Diversity in the World of Work.

In total there will be approximately 60 different events covering these topics and their subtopics.

The overall aim of the congress is sustainability. Therefore participation and interaction between the participants will be strengthened through new and diverse event settings.

A special Forum for Prevention will facilitate networking as well as the exchange of knowledge and experience. ENETOSH will be part of the World Congress 2014:

We will be organizing the symposium "Creating a safe and healthy learning and working environment" together with the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) and the National Association of Organizations in Occupational Safety and Health of the Russian Federation (NAOOSH).

You are heartily invited to actively participate in the ENETOSH symposium.

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From Turin to Frankfurt

From November 6-8, 2012, the ENETOSH network, the EU-OSHA Agency, the International Labour Association (ILO), the International Social Security Association (ISSA) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of America (NIOSH) organized a workshop about integrating safety and health into education at the ILO Training Centre in Turin, Italy. 51 people from 27 countries took part in this interactive workshop.

The outcome of the workshop was a broad overview of integrated approaches and strategies from various countries and regions and their corresponding material. There was consensus at the workshop that the "whole-school-approach" is an appropriate concept to develop a culture of prevention from the initial stage of a person's social life. A special working group "Whole School Approach" (WhSA) was established in Turin. A special area on enetosh.net has information about this group.

At the Symposium "Creating a Safe and Healthy Learning and Working Environment" at the World Congress for Safety and Health at Work 2014 in Frankfurt, Germany, the outcome of the Turin workshop and the activities of the WhSA working group will be distributed to and further discussed with a worldwide audience.

The documentation from the Turin workshop featuring the program, a comprehensive report, all presentations, and a picture gallery, are available on the ENETOSH web platform, under "ENETOSH Events".

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ENETOSH Ambassadors

National contact points of the network



The ENETOSH Ambassadors are the national contact points of the European Network Education and Training in Occupational Safety and Health for individuals and institutions that would like to know more about the network or want to get in touch with ENETOSH.

The Ambassadors are supposed to be native speakers and they are authorized to promote ENETOSH in the scope of national events, in particular, but also international events.

In connection with the Turin conference "Mainstreaming OSH into education: Towards a culture of prevention", ILO Training Centre Turin, November 2012, a special workshop was held for the ENETOSH Ambassadors.

Ambassadors from 10 out of the 18 countries that have appointed an Ambassador participated in the workshop, where they gave feedback regarding the arrangement of having a native Ambassador.

The process was as follows:

- To give priority to the seven "ambassador tasks" referring to a scale from "important" to "unimportant"
- To describe whether or not the individual Ambassador had been consulted by persons or organizations in the role of being an Ambassador
- To describe whether or not the individual Ambassador had taken national initiatives to promote ENETOSH ideas.

These are extracts from the outcome of the workshop:

- The Ambassadors take their role of being national contact partners very

seriously, and the workshop showed that they also, to a certain degree, have been consulted accordingly. Inquiries mostly come from the individual Ambassador's own country, only a few from other countries.

- The Ambassadors find that campaigns for ENETOSH objectives on a national level are important, but find it hard to carry out in practice.
- The Ambassadors find it important and also manageable to introduce good practice examples (GPE) from the country they represent.

In general, the Ambassadors are proud of their appointment and enjoy the arrangement, but at the same time they admit that being an ambassador takes up only a little time of their daily life

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Upcoming Events

5th to 8th November 2013

A+A Trade Fair on Safety, Security and Health at Work,
Düsseldorf [GER]

August 2014

ENETOSH symposium "Creating a safe and healthy learning and working environment" together with CCOHS, Canada, and NAOOSH, Russian Federation, at the XX World Congress for Safety and Health at Work – Global Forum for Prevention, 24-27 August 2014, Frankfurt [GER]

Train the Teachers

The secret to integrating OSH in vocational education and training

Vocational education and training has gone through considerable changes over the last 5 years in Catalonia, which have allowed a stronger presence of OSH in educational content. The implementation of this new education system has been progressive, but nowadays, more than 80% of the initial vocational education and training (VET) courses, with almost 24,000 students, follow the structure based on the new regulation.

Firstly, the main change related to OSH in this new system is a mandatory 50 hours basic training on OSH for all VET students. This training will allow the students to adequately carry out their future jobs in relation to preventing occupational risks and carrying out certain preventive activities in their future company or workplace.

The training in VET courses for the building industry is 60 hours in order to meet the specific requirements of the building sector's regulations.

This process has led the Ministries of Labour and Education of the Catalan Government, which are responsible for OSH and initial vocational education, to collaborate, first and foremost, on reinforcing and updating the knowledge of voca-

tional education teachers in OSH matters. Since 2008, they have jointly implemented specific online courses for teachers. During the academic year 2010-11, 142 teachers participated in these activities.

Furthermore, during school holidays in July, teachers make use of non-teaching



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working hours for continuous professional education. The Ministry of Labour organizes specific courses for VET teachers in renowned advisory and research centres in OSH. The courses which took place in July of 2012 included topics on ergonomic, psychosocial, biological and chemical risks and measures required in case of an emergency at the workplace.

On the other hand, in 2007 a basic OSH

qualification was introduced in initial vocational education to train OSH generalist professionals. In this case, both ministries plan to update the teachers' knowledge and use new technologies to keep in touch with about 1,500 students once they have finished their training. This will allow the

administration to keep these recently qualified professionals updated with the latest information and OSH publications, helping to create a strong and close-knit community of OSH professionals in Catalonia.

Apart from improving the knowledge of teachers on preventive issues, another aim is to make students more aware of OSH matters through more recreational initiatives. An annual photograph contest on occupational risk

prevention is organized for VET. Graphic design students can also participate in a poster contest organized simultaneously. The objective of this contest is to raise students' awareness of occupational risk prevention.

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New on enetosh.net Web platform improvements

The web platform has always been the "public window" of ENETOSH.

During the last months, a couple of improvements and additional features have been implemented.

Fact sheets and reports are now available for the website visitors in the Info-box "Publications".

ENETOSH is official partner of the campaign "Working together for risk prevention through leadership and participation", headed by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work. The web platform now provides information and links to the campaign website and the ENETOSH partner page.

Two ENETOSH-related menu items are new as well, "Ambassadors" and "Steering Committee". All 18 ENETOSH ambas-

sadors, from Finland, the Russian Federation, Italy, Germany, F.Y.R. Macedonia, Albania, Turkey, Latvia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Spain, Ukraine, Malta, Portugal, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Denmark are introduced here, with further information, links and contact details. The menu item "Steering Committee" leads to an introduction of the 10 members of the ENETOSH Steering Committee.

We also have a new hot topic, it is No. 12: "Teacher Training".

Some new areas and menu items have been set up, such as "Partnership for Prevention, online resources", which is related to the topic "Participation" and the "Healthy Workplaces" campaign of EU-OSHA. In the areas "Links" and "Vid-

eos", we provide web links to complementary resources and resources using video clips or films.

The new area "Whole School Approach": on 7 November 2012, a working group for the international dissemination of the Whole School Approach (WhSA) was established as part of the workshop "Mainstreaming OSH into education" at the ILO Training Centre Turin, Italy (see article on page 3). This new area presents the work of this group.

A survey of visitors was carried out to evaluate and improve the quality of the web platform. The results will be presented during the next network meeting (7 November at the A+A, Düsseldorf) and afterwards on the web platform.

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