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1. New home for CoDeS and ENSI in Switzerland

Starting at 1st of January 2013 the new foundation *éducation21* (www.education21.ch) will become home of CODES and ENSI. The new body was merged from the Foundation for Education and Development, the Foundation for Environmental Education and the movie service 'for one world'.

The new organisation will be the main address for Switzerland's school system for Education for Sustainable Development. The whole thematic field of ESD shall be reached in one competence centre. Éducation 21 will cooperate also with organisations from health education, economy, citizenship and human rights. The development of this centralized service for Switzerland's teachers, students, and experts is linked to the political development in the school system: For first time in Switzerland's history regionalized (language regions) curricula have been developed and accepted. This allows work 'at larger scale' than all the years before, when curricula have been based on cantons level and if needed on canton and language level (some cantons are speaking more than one official language). The goal of the new body is to install and support ESD on national, regional, and school level.

2. Partner Meeting 2 in Győr/HU, October 1-3; 2012: A summary

CoDeS was hosted in lovely Hotel Klastrom in old Győr/HU. Our alarm clock in the morning was the bell at the monasteries tower, in the shadow of the old chestnut trees we relaxed after hard work and our very intense cooperation took part in the beautiful library of the old monastery. All partners of CoDeS thank to our hosts Ildiko and Edit Lippai and Monika Reti, who organised this lovely place and the whole perfectly settled event.

A short summary from the meeting:

October 1st: Review of CoDeS first year of activity - The learning points in a nutshell:

Cooperation among the project: The consortium of CODES is very diverse and its first big step was to develop a common language. This happened during the first year, mainly in the preparation of contributions for the Vienna Conference. The excellent prepared guidelines for poster development and preparation of case studies may be useful for other opportunities. Therefore they will be published at CoDeS website. The diversity of the consortium allows changing perspective within the project itself this is a relevant aspect of quality.

Challenges from the Vienna Conference: Grundtvig funding system is not appropriate for CoDeS needs. The project has to explore other opportunities for funding external project partners (for the next Conference in Kerkrade). All partners are in charge to explore their possibilities.

October 2nd: Current work – CoDeS deliverables

An intense debate about CoDeS outcomes took place on the second day of the meeting. All decisions and descriptions of products are published at CoDeS working platform GC 21.

Here is a list of the products and the responsible persons.

Travelling guide (Christine Affolter/Monika Reti), Toolbox (Alessia Mason), E-platform for school-community collaboration (Mari U. Andresen), E-platform for 2013 mobility campaign (Reiner Mathar), Digital handbook (Petra Wagner-Luptacik), Stepping stones (Quality Criteria, Mariona Espinet), Blogs (not in CODES contract, Mariona Espinet), Case study book (not in CODES contract, Mariona Espinet), Report on isolated communities (Georgia Liarakou, Evgenia Flogaiti)

October 3rd: Next steps to be taken, next years Conference in Kerkrade/NL

All members of the consortium committed on their contributions to the network.

3. Steering board Meeting 3, Győr/HU, October 3-4 2012

Three topics have been in the centre of the debate of the Steering Board Meeting:

a) Discussion on products, workloads, budgeted working time and organisation of CODES deliverables.

b) IST-courses in Spetes/GR and Leicester/UK cancelled due to the lack of participants. Steering board members discussed the problem of cancelled courses also on their national experiences. Organisers of IST-courses face a surplus of course offers, as well on international as also on national level. Due to this development experts from CODES steering board refer to cancel the courses fully and not to re-offer the same courses next year.

c) CoDeS Conference 2013: CoDeS partner Luc Goossens from Regional Centre of Expertise Rhine-Meuse presented the Abbey of Rolduc/Kerkrade, host of next years CODES Conference. The main target of the Conference is the collaboration and dialogue between communities and schools and the first presentation of CODES products (in workshop settings). Target groups are partners from communities and economy as well as teachers and

students. It was decided to invite (locally known) politicians to attract participants for the Conference (on own funding). All partners are invited to check their funding opportunities for guests and experts.

4. First announcement: CoDeS 2013 working Conference in Kerkrade/NL, May 13-15, 2013

CoDeS working Conference 2013 will take part at the seat of RCE Rhine-Meuse, the Rolduc Abbey/Kerkrade (NL), at the German-Dutch border.

Target groups: Partners from communities and economy as well as teachers and students, members of the CoDes consortium and locally known politicians with a portfolio on sustainable development.

Registration will be opened by mid February at www.comenius-codes.eu

5. Cooperation and dissemination is important!

For the success of CoDeS and former projects on ESD it is absolutely crucial to disseminate and mainstream the results. Please spread the word, install new school-community projects, present CoDeS in your working environment. All PPT presentations and layouted posters are available at the secretariat and most of them are on CoDeS website as well.

6. CoDeS website

For all information concerning CoDeS, please visit

- www.comenius-codes.eu.

Your feedbacks are very welcome, don't hesitate to contact CoDeS coordinator

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