

MEMO 25.9.2008

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Network meeting in Oslo, 11 – 13th of June 2008

Participants:

Finland:

Tarja Hoyer, HAAGA-HELIA, chairman
Ann Karkulahti, Arcada
Liisa Vehkaoja, Evtex
Anneli Luoto, Stadia
Lena Nyman, Åland University of Applied Sciences
Kirsi Lehtoviita, HAAGA-HELIA, secretary

Sweden:

Erik Hellgren, University of Skövde
Erik Hamner, C3L – Centrum för livslångt lärande
Monika Pavlovic, Jönköping University – School of Education and
Communication
Märet Brunnstedt, Högskolan Dalarna

Denmark:

Knud Holm Hansen, Copenhagen University College of Engineering
Alica Petersen, Tietgen Business College
Jytte Mansfeld, Niels Brock Copenhagen Business College

Estonia:

Heidi Pehme, Tallinna Tehnikakõrgkool – University of Applied
Sciences

Lithuania:

Jolanta Valiaugiene, Kaunas College

Norway:

Julie Ann Svenkerud, Buskerud University College
Jan Duvaland, NITH – The Norwegian School of Information
Technology
Ellen Hirsch, Oslo University College

1) Welcome to Oslo University College

Ellen Hirsch welcomed all participants to Oslo University College and introduced briefly Högskolan i Oslo: 11 000 students, 7 faculties. Samfundsfakultet is in EkoTekNord and the study fields are business studies, public management and welfare studies. Also child care and social work is under samfundsfakultetet. English test is not obligatory for the Nordic students. The best timing for student exchange is 3rd year of the studies, 10 – 15 students in this department participate in student exchange.

The faculty of engineering is not yet in EkoTekNord. Tove Hattland presented the faculty: the number of employees is 110 and the amount of the students is 1 400. Indoor climate is a new research field in this faculty.

2) Presentations

Jytte Mansfeld was the chairman of the meeting until lunch. All participants introduced themselves and their institutions and there was a lively discussion about the courses for the students that are suitable/available in the EkoTekNord framework. There was also discussion about the EkoTekNord contact person at every institution. The participants were asked to inform the secretary by the end of September 2008

- who the EkoTekNord contact person in own university is and
- what courses/programs are opened for EkoTekNord students and in which languages the courses/programs are held

The new partners in EkoTekNord network are

Tallinna Tehnikakõrgkool – University of Applied Sciences (Estonia) and *Kaunas College* (Lithuania)

Kaunas College has 8 200 students, 8 academic faculties and 600 teachers. The length of the studies is 3 -4 years. The focus in the future is to develop English programmes to make it easier to get international students to Kaunas. Kaunas has 140 international partners.

Tallinna Tehnikakõrgkool has 2000 students and 70 lecturers (11 are part time) and it gives education in for instance architecturing, engineering, construction, mechanics, transport, textile – clothing;

Sports activities play a central role in students' well being. The amount of the exchange students; 13 incoming, 30 outgoing.

Greenland and Stavanger were also welcomed to the network meeting, but they did not send any participants.

3) Grants and the co-ordinator issue

Tarja Hoyer took over the chairmanship after the lunch.

She informed that mobility grants have been spent.

IKK, Intercultural Communication Intensive week was held in Malmö.

There is money left about 3 000 € for the evaluation meeting.

"Old" money will be reported by 1.12.2008

She pointed out that the network had applied for funding for mobility and intensive courses for 2009 but the decision was not made yet in CIMO. The final decision would come in September. The subjects for the intensive programs were entrepreneurship (47 325 €; 65 students and 13 teachers)) and sustainable logistics (34 725 €; 45 students and 7 teachers). The applied grant for the mobility was 84 000 € (teachers and students).

Co-ordinator issue:

Every participant supported the continuation of the network because it is a good arena to strengthen the Nordic/Baltic co-operation and the Nordic cultural awareness. The coordinator issue was discussed lively but not any decisions were made on this matter. HAAGA-HELIA has co-ordinated the network since the beginning. The suggestion was that both the coordinator and the co-coordinator would be chosen for two years and after two years the co-coordinator would take over the role as the main co-coordinator. This suggestion was seconded. Kaunas College/Jolanta promised to consider taking over the co-coordinator task. She was asked to inform Tarja Hoyer about the decision as soon as possible, though by the end of September. Also the co-coordinator issue should be solved by then.

4) Development of the network

Future:

When the co-coordinator issue is solved the smaller team (Tarja Hoyer, Jytte Mansfield, webmaster Erik Hamner and the new coordinators will hold a meeting and plan the near future. The future plans are:

a) * new application (2009) in spring 2009/

application 2009 ideas:

- games' industry in IT.
- developing summer school July-August
- culture and communication
- entrepreneurship
- logistics
- Latvia should be a member of the network

b) * to translate the web pages into English

The network suggests the following changes to the web pages:

- happier
- success stories; stories should be sent to Eric
- attractive front page
- university logos > new places; logos should be sent to Eric
- new pictures
- map where the schools are marked on
- information about the network: why the network is important
- pictures from Nordic environment: the Nordic feeling
- update the contact persons
- make a decision about what should be kept in admin pages and what should be kept in common pages
- update the courses that are available to the EkoTekNord students (see the list that Eric Hellgren/University of Skövde has done)

5) Policy paper

The policy paper was drafted by Tarja Hoyer and Jytte Mansfield

6) Next network meeting : 11 – 12.6 in Åland.

University of Skövde/Eric Hellgren

Programmes open to EkoTekNord exchange 2008 - 2009

Beachelor´s programmes

Computer Science

Economics and Business administration

Engineering Science

Health Science

Humanities:

Hyper media

Philosophy

Languages:

English, Spanish, Swedish

Natural Sciences

Master´s Programmes

Spring semester 2009

Molecular biology 1.5 year

Autumn semester 2008

Applied Mechanics

Bioinformatics

Biomedicine

Cognitive Systems

Economics and Finance

Industrial Informatics

Informatics

Information Fusion

Molecular Biology

Systems Biology

