

Network meeting in Kaunas, 11-12 of June 2009

Participants:

**Lithuania:**

Jolanta Valiaugiene  
Vaida Berulyte  
Marius Bobina  
Ilona Ulmyte  
Agnė Narvilaite

**Finland:**

Christa Holm, Arcada  
Tiina Piipponen, Helsinki Metropolia UAS  
Elina Varto, Helsinki Metropolia UAS  
Kirsi Lehtoviita, HAAGA-HELIA

**Aland:**

Lena Nyman, Åland University of Applied Sciences

**Sweden:**

Torbjorn Andersson, University of Skövde  
Erik Hamner, C3L – Centrum för livslångt lärande  
Monika Pavlovic, Jönköping University – School of Education and Communication  
Ulla Lundgren, Jönköping University – School of Education and Communication

**Denmark:**

Morten Lassen, Lillebaelt Academy of Professional Higher Education  
Alice Petersen, Lillebaelt Academy of Professional Higher Education  
Jytte Mansfeld, Niels Brock Copenhagen Business Academy of Professional Higher Education

**Norway:**

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

**Latvia:**

Liga Tuca, Vidzemes Augstskola - Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences

**Welcome to Kauno kolegija**

Jolanta Valiaugiene and Deputy Director for Academic Affairs Dr. Nijole Zinkeviciene welcomed all participants to Kauno kolegija.

**Presentations**

Jytte Mansfeld was chairman of the meeting.

All participants introduced themselves and their institutions. There was a discussion about the courses for the students which are available for students exchange in the EkoTekNord network. Also participants informed in which language courses for exchange students can be provided and how many international students they have per year.

Ellen Hirsch, Oslo University College informed that the Faculty of Engineering joined the network.

Erik Hamner, C3L ( Centrum för livslångt lärande) talked about the possibilities of student placements through his organization.

Torbjorn Andersson (University of Skövde) : Business program in EN (bachelor and Master)

Monika Pavlovic informed that 10% of their students are international. Programs: International business, Media and Communication, Journalism (analysis).

Jan Duvaland, NITH (The Norwegian School of Information Technology) informed about IT business, management Game designing/programming study programs, would like more incoming students and teachers, participate in IPs.

Jytte Mansfeld and Alice Petersen informed about changed names and situation of their institutions. Niels Brock merged with other three institutions.

Lena Nyman (Åland University of Applied Sciences ) informed that they have 7 programs, from 2010 –all in EN.

The new partner in this network is Vidzemes Augstskola - Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences. Liga Tuca presented institution. It has 1400 students, 147 staff members. Institution is offering professional bachelor (Business Administration, Communication and Public Relations, Information Technologies, Media Studies and Journalism, Political Science, Tourism, Organization and Management, Tour Guide) and master's (Governance and Communication, Sociotechnical Systems Modelling, Tourism Strategic Management, Business Environment Administration, International Affairs (in preparation) programmes). They also have professional higher education diploma program for translators. There are 20-30 international students studying in institution per year. Liga Tuca accented that they are working a lot with teachers' mobility. It would be possible to send students to LV for placements, especially in tourism

Kirsi Lehtoviita ( HAAGA-HELIA) informed that they have 10000 students and approx. 600 staff, 300 exchange students. 18 students will be going on Nordplus next year. The lectures are in EN, SE, FI. Kirsi is responsible for IP in Logistics.

Tiina Piipponen, and Elina Varto (Metropolia ) informed that they represent the biggest institution in FI, having 14000 students, they have about 300 exchange and 700 degree international students.

Christa Holm (Arcada) informed that they have 154 degree programs, 3 in EN –International Business, Technology, Elderly Service. Logistics is in SE. They will start Master in Media Management.

Jytte Mansfield (Niels Brock Copenhagen Business Academy of Professional Higher Education) informed that they merged with 3 other institutions, they start professional bachelor programs (2 +1,5 years).

## **Coordinator issue**

Jolanta informed that there are 21 partners in the EkoTekNord network. Grønlands Handelsskole (Greenland Business College) left and new partner from Latvia – Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences joined network.

## **Application 2008**

- Applied for mobility, 2 IPs (Intensive Course in Sustainable Logistics in the Nordic Countries; Nordic Entrepreneurship in Business and Society), development of web-site, network meeting in Åland
- Total grant 75000 EUR
- Approved activities:
  - ✓ Mobility 41800 EUR
  - ✓ Other costs 29 450 EUR (Primarily for the Intensive Course in Sustainable Logistics in the Nordic Countries)

- ✓ Administration 3750 EUR

### **Activities in fact:**

- Meeting in Stockholm, December, 2008
- Meeting in Helsinki, February, 2009
- Mobility (students' flows)
- IP Intensive Course in Sustainable Logistics in the Nordic Countries, Helsinki, week 37 (September 07-13,2009)
- Annual meeting in Kaunas, June 11-12, 2009

### **Finances 2008:**

What is left:

- Mobility: 17860 EUR
- Other costs: approx. 6500 -7500 EUR

The participants were asked to inform Jolanta if they still didn't send expense claims for mobility grants and send them as soon as possible because after September 30 there will be no possibility to cover them.

Also if somebody wants to arrange a short meeting, it is also possible from the money left.

Participants discussed about teacher mobility. This should be more intensive process in the network. There are two ways of teacher mobility: short visits and mobility.

Participants were discussed about travel grants and duration of short visits and express mobility.

The participants were asked to specify all contact persons in own institutions by indicating their responsibilities and position.

### **Application 2009**

- Total grant 88000 EUR
- Approved activities:
  - ✓ Mobility: 44000 EUR
  - ✓ Network activities:12000 EUR (annual meeting in Aland, website development, teacher meeting in Odense, project development meeting, etc.)
  - ✓ Intensive course: 24500 EUR (IP Nordic-Baltic Entrepreneurship in Business and Society course).
  - ✓ Development project: 7500 EUR (Quality Culture Development in EkoTekNord partner institutions).
  - ✓ Up to 5% for administration from the total

Quality Culture Development project

The persons who initiated the project should prepare the concrete information about the coming event and inform the partners. The network contact persons will have to inform their Quality related departments about the project and the event..

### **Website:**

Erik Hamner presented the new website.

Participants discussed and decided to put figures of mobility to EkoTekNord website. Updated application forms and the Expense claims will be put on the website as well. There also should

be some students reports about their studies and information about projects in the EkoTekNord network with photos and comments (at least one per institution).

Also the names of the institutions should be in English. Jolanta and her colleague Marius will have a direct access and be able to update the information.

Participants expressed interest in collecting information about structure of education in their countries (this should be added to website).

### **Perspectives:**

Network can apply for „Funding for the development of Nordic master programmes“ and create joint master programmes. For application we need at least three institutions. Ulla will send information for Jolanta. Participants asked to think about project possibility.

New Project Initiative: Nordplus Crash Course in Scandinavian Languages (Erik Hemming, Aland). Partners which are interested in this idea asked to make a team of lecturers and start working with application (Liga, Jytte).

New idea for IP about leadership (Kirsi).

New idea for IP: project within media studies by creating advertisement of network.

New idea for project: intercultural communication for exchange students in the network framework (Liga, Morten)

Jolanta asked to send project descriptions for the application 2010 till 1<sup>st</sup> of February.

Express mobility should be in next year application as well. The policy paper should be worked out on this

Jytte expressed interest in possibilities for master studies after the completion of professional bachelor programs

The participants were discussed about possibility to accept new partner next year. It can be done but the partner institutions from the same country should give their approval.

The network lacks input from Estonian partner, Tallinn Technical University of Applied Sciences should be asked about their interests to participate in the network.

### **Next network meeting:**

16-18.6.2010 in Aland (Lena will take care of organisational issues).

Mini meeting during the EAIE conference in Madrid, Friday, 18 September, 2009 during the lunch time (at the Message board).