

ELGPN

EUROPEAN LIFELONG GUIDANCE POLICY NETWORK

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Subtheme most interested in discussing?

Integrated Policies: Creating Systems that Work

What do you most hope to gain from participating in the 2015 International Symposium?

During its eight years of existence ELGPN has focusing on policy co-operation and development with different global and world-regional networks. These include the International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance (IAEVG) and the International Centre for Career Development and Public Policy (ICCDPP), both of which are invited to participate in ELGPN activities as partner organizations. The IS 2011 invited ELGPN to strengthen links between EU member-states and the International Symposia. The IS 2015 have connections with the current ELGPN priorities, and participation in the Symposium as part of the ELGPN 2015 Work Program activities provides opportunities for strengthening such links. To avoid fragmentation and to maintain and strengthen the political momentum of LLG policy development, it is necessary to further enhance synergies between and among the different global organizations and networks.

Share a specific example of a successful program or policy your organization has supported that is relevant to one of the four sub-themes: 1. Engaging Employers 2. The Role of Emerging Technologies 3. Why Return on Investment (ROI) Matters 4. Integrated Policies: Creating Systems that Work Please share any links to articles, research studies, or relevant materials.

The European Lifelong Guidance Policy Network (ELGPN) aims to assist the EU member-states (and the neighboring countries eligible for the Erasmus+ program) and the European Commission in developing European co-operation on lifelong guidance in both the education and the employment sectors. Its purpose is to promote co-operation and systems development at member-country level in implementing EU 2020 strategy and the priorities identified in the EU Resolutions on Lifelong Guidance (2004; 2008).

The Network was established by the member-states; the Commission has supported its activities under the Lifelong Learning and Erasmus+ Programs 2007-15. While maintaining a cross-cutting approach to lifelong guidance policy development across policy fields, the aim is to deepen the interface with six policy fields (schools; VET; higher education; adult education; employment; social inclusion). In 2015 the Network has 30 member countries with designated national teams and one country with an observer status. Network activities are based on sharing experiences and mutual policy learning.

This European Resource Kit 2012 is designed to help policy-makers and other stakeholders to review existing lifelong guidance provision within their country or region, and to identify issues requiring attention and gaps that need to be filled, drawing from practices in other European countries. The Resource Kit is based on the four key themes identified in the 2004 and 2008 EU Resolutions (Career Management Skills, Access, Co-operation and co-ordination mechanisms, Quality assurance and evidence base). The role of technology is discussed both in widening access and in developing integrated services.

The ELGPN Evidence Guide (2014) presents and synthesizes the existing international research base on the impact of lifelong guidance, including its educational outcomes, economic and employment outcomes, and social outcomes. The role of co-operation with guidance and employers is highlighted in the ELGPN Concept Notes which analyze the national policies and practices in response to youth unemployment and discuss the relationship between lifelong guidance and work-based learning. The Concept Note on Youth Guarantee provides a rationale for building guidance support within national related policy measures in co-operation with employers.

More than half of the ELGPN member-countries report that the Network has had significant influence on national policies on lifelong guidance, and 15 countries list examples of some impact. ELGPN's impact is more evident on improved communication and co-operation processes between different ministries and other policy-making organizations. The establishment of a national lifelong guidance forum or other representative structure in almost all member-countries is a concrete example of the Network's influence. A further important achievement has been improved co-operation between member-countries and the European Commission.

The ELGPN Work Programme 2015 will be positioning lifelong guidance into the new European policy agenda by producing European Guidelines for lifelong guidance systems and policy development. The guidelines will act as a source of common reference points, knowledge, expertise and assistance for Member State and region self-review, self-improvement, for peer review and other external review (e.g. OECD, CEDEFOP, ETF, EHEA Ministerial Conference,), and for EU neighboring countries.

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