

## > Double invitation!!

The link between education and the labour market is an important item for the development of Limburg. The 'Limburg – a Region Full of Talent' education and labour market regional agenda 2008-2012 establishes frameworks for the development of effective actions. Cooperation between education and the business community is crucial in this respect. For this reason, the regional agenda has strong links with the acceleration agenda. You will be informed of the developments via this newsletter.



**ePortfolio:** is an extensive digital file about yourself. The following are included in any event: your education, career moves, competences and experiences (broad). In Minnesota (USA), for instance, pupils, students and graduates can place their ePortfolio on a special website (a cooperative venture between government and education). You retain the right to indicate which part is public and which part is accessible only to a limited extent. Has your interest been aroused? Visit:

[www.efoliominnesota.com](http://www.efoliominnesota.com)

[www.careerswales.com](http://www.careerswales.com)

[www.e-portfolio.kennisnet.nl](http://www.e-portfolio.kennisnet.nl)

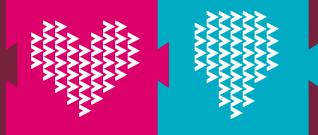
1. On **22 - 24 October 2008**, the **International ePortfolio** and Digital Identity Conference will be taking place at the Maastricht Exhibition and Congress Centre (MECC). In close collaboration between the Province of Limburg and the Municipality of Maastricht, a great many presentations and workshops will be offered to regional, national and international participants. It is the 6th international ePortfolio Conference, which was previously held in Poitiers, La Rochelle, Oxford, Maastricht and Cambridge.

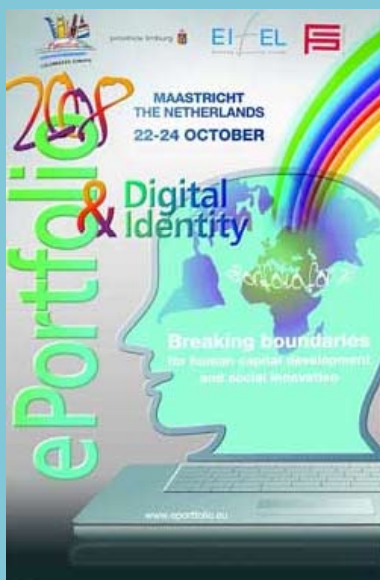
You are warmly invited to this major conference, which is expected to be attended by more than 200 experts and professionals from more than 25 countries. This conference is intended for people involved in improving the link between education and the labour market in an administrative, policy-related or operational sense. It is a unique opportunity to share knowledge and experience and to be informed about the latest developments and insights in this area. The conference is being organised by the European Institute for e-Learning (Eifel). You will find detailed information about the conference at <http://www.epforum.eu>.

*You can register for participation on this website (subject to costs).*

2. On **22 October 2008** from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., a network meeting will be organised in de **Bonbonnière** with the title **ePortfolio 2008: Regions meeting Regions**. This is a pre-conference meeting that is part of the launch of the International ePortfolio Conference. The aim of this meeting is to give as many people as possible from the region the opportunity to exchange knowledge. You can take the opportunity to acquaint yourself with expertise from other parts of the world. You will be very welcome to attend this network meeting without having to attend the International ePortfolio Conference in the MECC.

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## Limburg – a Region Full of Talent

ePortfolio is fully in line with the objectives of the *Limburg – a Region Full of Talent* agenda. The expectation of the experts regarding this subject is that as a result of the use of ePortfolio, an improved and quicker insight can be obtained into career opportunities, labour market position and any need for further training. It is hardly surprising that the Employment Participation Committee (Bakker Committee) has proposed granting the entire professional population the right to a digital ePortfolio. Moreover, the committee is advising granting everyone the right to a periodical talent exploration, so that the possibilities of the ePortfolio can be used to best effect.

We have already received promises from various international delegations that they will participate at the pre-conference meeting on 22 October in de Bonbonnière. **There are no costs associated with participation but you must register in advance by sending an e-mail to: [gjsm.prevoo@prvlimburg.nl](mailto:gjsm.prevoo@prvlimburg.nl)**

*Your registration for the ePortfolio 2008: Regions meeting Regions meeting on 22 October is possible without participation at the International ePortfolio Conference at the MECC in Maastricht.*

## > Programme

1. The International ePortfolio conference programme can be viewed at [www.epforum.eu/conference/programme](http://www.epforum.eu/conference/programme)

A new feature at this international conference this year is the introduction of the regional perspective on ePortfolio. This regional perspective will be detailed and supported by an international expert, six presentations and two workshops concerning the introduction and the use of ePortfolio in a Learning Region.

2. The programme of the **pre-conference meeting “Regions meeting Regions”** will focus particularly on exchanging experiences relating to ePortfolio, Learning Region and Lifelong Learning.

You can make acquaintance with the following people:

- Paul Wasko, Director of eStudent Services of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System, project manager of the national introduction of eFolio, Minnesota, (USA).
- Norman Longworth, Honorary Professor of Lifelong Learning, Stirling University, Scotland (UK).
- Samantha Slade, Techno-pedagogue, director of Percolab, Montreal (Canada).
- Paul Messer, ePortfolio national project manager, Careers Online Wales (UK).
- Marij Veugelers, ePortfolio project manager at the University of Amsterdam and community manager of SURF NL Portfolio, Amsterdam (NL).
- Jan Bartling, IT manager at ROC Aventus in Apeldoorn (NL) and chair of ROC-i-Partners.
- Rens de Groot, former chair of the management board of CWI, chair of Calibris and member of the Employment Participation Committee (Bakker Committee), Amersfoort (NL).

And of course various colleagues from the Euroregion.



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