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The **European conference "Learning Innovations and Quality" (LINQ 2012)** has extended its Call for Papers due to many requests: **New paper submission deadline** for the leading European Conference on Learning Innovations and Quality with keynotes from the European Commission is: **Friday, 10th of August 2012**.

All experts from Learning, Education and Training (LET) are invited to contribute their own professional or academic efforts and to present them in a scientific paper and presentation: LINQ 2012 with its **motto "Innovation and Quality: How do they fit together?"** is addressing in particular Lifelong Learning (LLL), Technology-Enhanced Learning (TEL), quality standards and certification, human resources development, competences and skills, as well as learning, innovation and quality management systems. **The conference will take place in Brussels, Belgium on the 23rd of October, 2012.** LINQ 2012 has published the preliminary programme: Keynote speakers at the well-recognised conference include policy officers from the Directorate General of Education and Culture for the European Commission. "The European Conference LINQ 2012 explores the relation between learning innovations and learning quality for the first time: Often seen as contradictions, we will focus their common grounds and synergies," says Christian M. Stracke, the scientific coordinator of the Q-Cert-VET project from the University of Duisburg-Essen in Germany, ISO Convener and editor of many learning standards. The conference will facilitate the exchange of ideas between individuals and organizations involved in quality certification and VET in many diverse ways, bringing them together for a productive meeting. "The experience gathered by the Q-Cert-VET consortium in harmonizing requirements from quality and innovation management systems standards and adapting them to the educational context at the new Portuguese certification standard NP 4512:2012 - Training Management Systems, including Technology

Enhanced Learning - Requirements, will serve as a valuable input to launch the debate in this conference" explains Sandra Feliciano, the co-coordinator of the Q-Cert-VET project.

By this Call for Papers all experts and practitioners are invited to contribute to our dialogue on Innovations and Quality in Learning, Education and Training (LET) and to submit high quality papers describing fully developed results, on-going work or innovative concepts on the following topics:

- Innovations and future trends in Learning, Education and Training (LET)
- Quality Development and Certification in LET
- Competence and skills development in lifelong learning
- Implementation of learning innovations
- Technology-Enhanced Learning for schools, universities and lifelong learning
- Web 2.0, Social Media and Online Communities for LET
- Learning outcome orientation and quality certification
- Standardisation of LET design, production and services
- Knowledge, innovation and ideas management in LET contexts
- Learning quality in vocational education and training and HR
- Certification of LET services and providers
- Quality and standardization of learning assessment and evaluation
- Harmonization of innovations and quality development in LET

Attendance at the European conference "Learning Innovations and Quality" (LINQ 2012) is subject to a fee (70 €) and requires online registration as places are limited. The conference fee includes all provisions including a warm 3-course lunch, two coffee breaks, the conference bag and the official conference proceedings.

Submissions of papers related to the conference (max. eight pages) must be sent to the LINQ Conference by **Friday, 10th of August 2012** (extended deadline due to many requests). The submitters will be informed about the acceptance of the papers by the 20th of August 2012. All accepted papers will be published in the official proceedings of the European Conference (with ISBN) and distributed to all conference participants and across all of Europe. Specific guidelines and requirements, as well as a full copy of the conference programme, can be found on the conference website at www.learning-innovations.eu

Overview of the important dates:
- Paper submission deadline: ~~July 10~~ **August 10, 2012 (*** EXTENDED ***)**
- Notification of acceptance: **August 20, 2012**
- Camera-Ready copy due: **September 7, 2012**
- Deadline for author registration: **September 7, 2012**
- Conference program: **October 23, 2012**

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About the European project Q-Cert-VET:

Q-Cert-Vet is the European research project for the quality certification (Q-Cert) of vocational education and training (VET) and is co-funded by the European Commission. The European initiative Q-Cert-VET develops a new quality standard and supports a related certification scheme for the vocational education and training (VET) sector in Portugal.

The project Q-Cert-VET develops a national quality standard and initiates the development of required tools for professional quality certification. The reference framework QPL (short for Quality Platform Learning), developed in Germany, provides the basis for the new quality standard and related instruments and tools for the certification scheme, including the first training course for lead auditors. A strong desire from the Q-Cert-VET consortium members goes beyond a national quality standard: the evaluated and optimized quality certification standard will be submitted to the European standardization CEN TC 353 to become an official European Norm (EN) for Quality and Certification in vocational education and training.

The consortium of Q-Cert-VET is coordinated and led by Centre for Research and Innovation in Business Sciences and Information Systems (CIICESI). It includes eight partners from four countries: Germany, Luxembourg, Portugal, and Romania. The University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany, one of the Q-Cert-VET project partners and the project co-coordinator, is author and auditor of QPL and providing long-term expertise in learning quality.

More information about Q-Cert-VET is available online at www.edu-certification.eu.

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