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"Innovations and Quality: How do they fit together?"

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The European conference "Learning Innovations and Quality" (LINQ 2012) has launched its **Call for Presentations**. All European projects are invited to apply for a presentation during the official programme of the European conference LINQ 2012: The selected European projects can **hold a presentation** on their activities and outcomes and discuss them with the attending experts from Learning, Education and Training (LET). In addition **short descriptions** of the European projects **will be published** in the LINQ 2012 proceedings (with ISBN).

LINQ is the leading European Conference for Learning Innovations and Quality: 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**.

Applications for presentations at the conference (max. eight pages) must be sent by interested European projects until Friday, 10th of August 2012. The applicants will be informed about the selected of their application by the 20th of August 2012. All selected European projects can hold a presentation during the official programme of the European Conference LINQ 2012, registration by the projects is required until 7th of September.

Short descriptions of the selected projects will be published in the official proceedings of the European Conference (with ISBN) next to the scientific papers (from the Call for Papers that is launched in parallel). The proceedings will be distributed to all conference participants and across all of Europe. More information about LINQ 2012, its programme and both calls can be found on the LINQ 2012 Conference website at: www.learning-innovations.eu.



By this Call for Presentations LINQ 2012 invites European projects to contribute to our dialogue on Innovations and Quality in Learning, Education and Training and to submit their application: The European projects should address and focus one of 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

For the application the following questions should be answered (max. 250 words in English):

- Name and acronym of the project:
- Aim and objectives of the project:
- Main target groups of the project:
- How does your project contribute to learning innovations and/or learning quality?
- What are your main outcomes? (very short and no copy and paste, please)
- A short quote: What is most important for learning innovations and quality today?

Please avoid technical wording and keep it as simple as possible.

Deadline for applications is Friday, 10th of August 2012 (see below for all dates and contact).
LINQ 2012 programme with keynote speakers from the EC at www.learning-innovations.eu

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.

Overview of the important dates:

- Application deadline for projects: **August 10, 2012**
- Notification of acceptance: **August 20, 2012**
- Registration until: **September 7, 2012**
- Conference date: **October 23, 2012**

Direct enquiries and applications for presentations by European projects can be sent to the LINQ Conference Manager Mrs Tatiana Shamarina-Heidenreich, University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE), Germany, via e-Mail to: tatiana.shamarina-heidenreich@icb.uni-due.de

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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