

Newsletter

European Centre of Excellence for Second Chances

Highlights:

- 28th of October 2011 official opening of the European Centre of Excellence (EC2E) for Second Chances
- April 20th 2012, Third meeting of the steering group of the EC2E in Palermo
- We were granted a Youth in Action grant for our Centre just recently. The project is called AFFECT (Anchoring Future Firmness of the Expert and Excellence Centre for Trainers and Teachers)



Online before the end of
April!

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Soon also in your area!

Ever since the grand finale of the Grundtvig and KA4 projects DEVOTED and EXACT in Heerlen at the 28th of October 2011 we have been working hard to establish continuity to keep the European Centre of Excellence (EC2E) for Second Chances alive and active.

“We” in this phrase is the delegation of the steering group of the EC2E who work together to maximize the impact, reach and activity of the Centre .



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Did you know that...

- the Centre will be a network and service institution for all professionals who work with difficult target groups in a teaching and training context.
- the Steering group strives to make optimal use of their network, mainly consisting of former partners/colleagues, the E2C Europe network and other contacts working with or in the field of specific target groups or NEET youngsters.
- besides the devotion of our steering group members, we also need financial support.
- the financial support for the years 2011 and 2012 is coming from the Board of Directors of Arcus College.
- one of the ambitions of the Centre is that all contacts and networks will get familiar with the Centre and its satellites...
- ...and that all contribute to the “filling of the shelves”, so we can all learn from each other and help our youngsters the best we can.

Our services...

- collecting European best practices used by professionals working with specific target groups.
- offering an overview of, trainings and workshops on these best practices.
- building a digital database where you can find materials of these best practices.
- supporting the teacher meetings of E2C and new E2C schools or organisations..
- will mainly be in English, but on request translation is possible in different languages.

Our service is only possible with your support/expertise!

Steering Group

We believe the Centre of Excellence should be accessible for all people working with or for Specific Target Groups all over Europe.

Not only should it be available for information access but also for submission of information or materials. Therefore we believe a Steering group, consisting of members from all quarters of Europe is necessary to optimize the accessibility for interested parties.

Participant of the Final Conference on the 28th of October:

"It is amazing to see how these small tools bring the participants of the workshop into contact".

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Questions?
Comments?
Suggestions?

Please contact us...

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Ann-Sofie Björde - Steering Group member

I have been working at Second Chance School in Norrköping since 1999. I think I have a fantastic and stimulating job! Guiding and leading our disoriented youngsters into life as grown-ups, gives me so much. I hope teachers and tutors all over Europe will find the answers they need in the Centre of Excellence.



East: FSZK from Budapest (HU) www.fszk.hu

Mari Bognar - Steering Group member

I believe that some children say that they need help in a wrong way – and that teachers don't understand their messages. That's why some youngsters need a second chance. I help teachers to understand these signs and give adequate answers since 1990. As we got successful paths with my team in 15 different schools in Hungary, we would be happy to share our experiences with others in Europe.



South: E2C Châlons, (FR) www.e2c-alfor.fr

Emmanuel Le Locat - Steering Group member

Sharing professional experiences and searching pedagogical innovation for helping disadvantaged youngsters: the Center of Excellence offers this opportunity. As deputy of the managing director of Centre Alfor, specialized in training with company alternation. since 2001, I work each day for bringing and building professional background to youngsters with our pedagogical team.



South: CESIE, Palermo (IT) www.cesie.org

Sarah Beal - Steering Group member

As coordinator of the European Cooperation department of CESIE and a MSc in Global Ethics, my background in human rights and education forms a strong basis for my work in curriculum development in different educational settings as well as with a wide range of targets. I also have experience in training with non-formal methods, working with volunteers and the administration of EU funded projects.



West: Weiterbildungs College (DE) www.wbk-schule-mg.de

Reinhold Schiffers - Steering Group member

"For me it is important to be a member of a team that is ready to make new experiences and believe in these youngsters in difficulties we work with. I'm a teacher since 35 years, working in second chance school in Monchengladbach since 1985 as teacher and headmaster and to work as teacher trainer in cooperative teaching, learning and leading.



Bert Pelzer - Staff member EC2E

My work with disadvantaged youngsters since 1982 has satisfied myself, that this work was and is a rewarded. Therefore I want to bring this and my experience in the network of E2C since 1998 over. The Center of excellence can be such point to do this.



West: Arcus College, Heerlen (NL) www.arcuscollege.nl

Frans Bollen - Director EC2E & Steering Group member

For 40 years I am working with and for so called youth at risk. Since 1998 I am realising a bureau for early school leavers in the region and since 2004 a Centre of Expertise for groups at risk (youngsters and adults) at the Arcus College department for Education and Training (VET and Adult education). I believe one should look at what IS possible instead of what is not.



Lieke Vrolings (NL) - Staff member EC2E

I am working for 2 years now at Arcus College as project employee in international projects. I hope I can contribute to the network of our ECE by helping establish a solid network of experts working with and for specific target groups (NEET).