

# PROMETEUS NEWSLETTER



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Dear reader,

Welcome to the first newsletter of PROMETEUS, PROMoting Mobility Expertise of Teachers of EU Students – a project co-funded within the Lifelong Learning Programme, Leonardo da Vinci – Transfert of

Innovation. The 2 years project involves partners from Italy, France and Spain.

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## 1 work in progress

## WHAT IS PROMETEUS ABOUT?

**A** “transfer of innovation” project aiming at the diffusion and transfer of methods and competences necessary to draft qualitative mobility actions and projects. PROMETEUS is addressed first to people working in the education and training system, to trainers, project managers who operate in post-school training contexts but also to public administrations, officers and organisations acting in the promotion of mobility exchange initiatives.

PROMETEUS provides tools able to promote, plan and effectively manage the mobility opportunities made available through the national and European financial resources. Learning to effectively plan an action of transnational mobility requires a participatory approach able to reproduce the dynamics of negotiation and comparison among subjects who belong to very different cultural contexts and organisational identities.

PROMETEUS foresees a self-instruction courseware preliminary to Project Work Labs and tutoring actions for the development of at least 20 proposals of Mobility projects to submit by the deadline expected.

PROMETEUS promotes intense coaching and tutoring of the trainers and operators involved, so to assure an integrated training path, characterized by the alternation of theoretic learning, the updating of basic information, the simulated application of regulations and

standards, a comparison with application forms and call for proposals, the activation of networks and real alliances, coaching and counselling, role playing and case discussion.

The main activities of the project:

### ❖ **Updating the Courseware “To Plan Mobility Projects”**

Updating the training path by adapting it according to the new European political and strategical framework

Widening the network of direct and potential users of the training path

### ❖ **Updating platform and testing**

Updating and implementing the support platform to supply the contents

### ❖ **Local Awareness Seminars**

Encourage and launch the direct exchange among the participants, and set up their involvement in the project activities

### ❖ **Training “To Plan Mobility Projects”**

Access to the self-training path called “To plan Mobility projects”

### ❖ **To plan mobility projects : Laboratories of Project Work**

Arrangement of at least 20 mobility project applications and supporting measures of coaching and technical consulting

### ❖ **Transversal activities of dissemination, exploitation, monitoring and evaluation**

PROMETEUS spreads over 2 years and involves 3 European Countries – Italy, France, Spain – with a specific attention to the peripheral areas and, sometimes, the territories lagging behind, where the high unemployment rates and the obstacles to enter the labour market can be faced through an overall strategy able to pooling information and experiences, to increase the quality of training and teaching, so to make students and young workers more competitive into the labour market.

For further information, please have a look at PROMETEUS website:

[www.prometeus-project.eu](http://www.prometeus-project.eu)

## 2 Thematic focus

# LLP, LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME – FOCUS ON LEONARDO DA VINCI PROGRAMME FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND TRANSFER OF INNOVATION PROJECTS

*“To contribute through lifelong learning to the development of the Community as an advanced knowledge-based society, with sustainable economic development, more and better jobs and greater social cohesion, while ensuring good protection of the environment for future generations. In particular, it aims to foster interchange, cooperation and mobility between education and training systems within the Community so that they become a world quality reference”*

**T**his is the Lifelong Learning Programme general objective stated by the Decision n. 1720/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2006 establishing an action programme in the field of lifelong learning (Article 1).

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Agency Executive Agency (EACEA) is responsible for the management of certain parts of the programme under supervision from Directorate- General for Education and Culture (DG EAC).

In the framework of the LLP 2007 – 2013, Leonardo da Vinci sectoral programme, links policy to practice in the field of vocational education and training (VET).

*“Leonardo da Vinci programme shall address the teaching and learning needs of all those in vocational education and training, other than at tertiary level, as well as the institutions and organisations providing or facilitating such education and training” (art 3 Decision n. 1720/2006/EC)*

Projects range from those giving individuals the chance to improve their competences, knowledge and skills through a period abroad, to Europe-wide co-operation between training organisations.

The Actions of the Leonardo da Vinci

programme are listed in article 26 Decision n. 1720/2006/EC:

- ❑ mobility of individuals
- ❑ partnerships
- ❑ multilateral projects (...) focusing on the transfer of innovation
- ❑ multilateral projects (...) focusing on the development of innovation
- ❑ thematic networks of experts and organisations, other initiatives aimed at promoting the objectives of the programme

In particular, the Leonardo da Vinci Multilateral Projects “Transfer of Innovation” aim to improve the quality and attractiveness of Vocational Education and Training, adapting, integrating and transferring existing innovations of previous Leonardo da Vinci projects or of any other national, European or international innovative projects into vocational training systems and organisations at national, regional, local or sector level.

Please, for further information:

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/index_en.php)



### 3 News from the territories

## PARTNER PROMETEUS

**Provincia di Sassari** (Italy) promotes coordination between local and national government agencies operating in the area in order to offer job opportunities and training projects for citizens seeking employment, promoting vocational training and work experience for disabled people. It has several competences in the field of active employment policies. The employment services provide information, pre-selection and job placement to meet the needs of workers and enterprises. A further useful tool addressed both to employers and job seekers is EURES (European Employment Services). It is a European community network to support worker's mobility: provides advice, information and guidance on the EU labour market and support employers and companies that need to recruit and / or to manage transnational recruitment across the EU area.

**MCG Manager Consulting GroupSoc. Coop** (Italy) is a cooperative society with legal office in Palermo. Since 1989 it provides services in the field of vocational training and planning, implementation and management of transnational, national and regional projects financed by the EU aimed at supporting and developing professional skills. Furthermore, it is very experienced in providing quality training and producing innovative training tools and methodologies to improve skills and employability of various social groups.

**Provincia Regionale di Messina** (Italy) is the local government of autonomous communities representing the consortium aggregation of 180 municipalities. It promotes coordination between local government and national agencies operating in the Province of Messina, aimed to offer employment opportunities and training projects to citizens seeking employment, to promote vocational training and work experience for disabled people.

**Provincia Regionale di Ragusa** (Italy) has been constituted in 1927 after the separation

from the province of Syracuse. It includes twelve towns and a population of about 318.549 inhabitants. It realizes the self-government of its community and supervises to economic, social and cultural development in harmony and full respect of surrounding environment. The environmental and naturalistic beauties of the territory make this area one of the most beautiful angles of Sicily. Ragusa has a strong entrepreneurial vocation in comparison with the other Sicilian provinces.

**Associazione Tecla** (Italy), founded in 1993 is an association of local authorities. It has operational offices in Rome and in Brussels. It works to improve knowledge of community policies in local institutions and encourage their capacity and potential to access to European funding. TECLA supports members in the management of projects funded by EU programmes, developing internationalization and networking, participating in local and international cooperation process.

**AFANIAS – Asociación Pro Personas con Discapacidad Intelectual** (Spain) is a no profit association for persons with intellectual disability. Since 1964, it has supported people with disabilities and their families in Madrid and Castilla La Mancha, in order to: promote centers and services of pedagogic, scientific, assistance and labour

nature aimed at higher levels of employment and social integration to rehabilitating persons with intellectual disability. AFANIAS represents 18 training centers operating in one of the largest regions of Spain.

**GRETA Lorraine Centre** (France) is one of the 220 Greta (6500 training centers) covering the whole French territory. It is part of National Education in Continuing Education sector. Greta is a public training center for adults mainly targeted to workers and unemployed looking for a job. The level of training provided ranges from CAP to BTS. Greta provides training for technical professional qualifications and offers training modules meeting the trainee objectives.



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## HIGHLIGHT

### LLP general call for proposals 2013 in the field of education and training

The Call for proposals 2013 - EAC/S07/12 has been published in the OJEU (2012/C 232/04) in the framework of the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) and of the Decision n. 1720/2006/CE of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2006.

The Programme applies to all types and levels of education and vocational education and training. The total budget earmarked for this call is estimated at EUR 1 276 million.

Specific deadlines for the submission of applications considering the programmes: Comenius, Grundtvig, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Jean Monnet Programme, Transversal Programme.

The info day on call and priorities 2013 will be held in Brussels on 12 November.

The text of the call for proposals, the guidelines of the LLP 2013 and application forms are available at the following web address: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/official-documents-on-the-llp\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/official-documents-on-the-llp_en.htm)

### ET 2020, Strategic Framework for European Cooperation in Education and Training

The Call for proposals EACEA/20/2012 "Implementation of the European strategic objective in Education and Training (ET 2020)" was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (JO 2012/C 169/08) on 15/06/2012. Deadline: 1 October 2012

This call for proposals comprises two separate parts: Part A - Support to national implementation and awareness raising of the objectives of European cooperation in education and training (ET 2020), (subdivided in parts A1 and A2). Part B - Support to implementation of innovative learning environments using ICT (called "Creative Classrooms") in the frame of transnational cooperation in the development and implementation of transversal education and training policy issues linked to the priorities set out in Europe 2020 and ET 2020.

For further information on the call for proposals, the application package, general guidelines to the call for proposals: [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2012/call\\_et\\_2012\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2012/call_et_2012_en.php)

### Youth in Action Programme, forthcoming deadlines

The "Youth in Action" Programme, established by Decision n. No 1719/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2006, promotes young people's active citizenship, develop solidarity and promote tolerance among young people in order to foster social cohesion in the European Union, foster mutual understanding between young people in different countries and contribute to developing the quality of support systems for youth activities and the capabilities of civil society organisations in the youth field.

The Call for proposal EAC/01/12 – 'Youth in Action' programme 2007-2013 has been published on the Official Journal of the European Union 2011/C 374/08.

The call indicates annual 2012 specific priorities. Among the priorities: projects tackling the issue of youth unemployment as well as projects aimed at stimulating unemployed young people's mobility and active participation in society.

Actions of the Programme: Action 1 - Youth for Europe; Action 2 - European voluntary service; Action 3 - Youth in the world; Action 4 - Youth support systems; Action 5 - Support for European cooperation in the youth field.

For projects submitted to National Agency, there are three deadlines each year for the submission of applications. Please, for further information on this call and guide of the programme: <http://ec.europa.eu/youth>