



Network enlargement strategy – first considerations

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- Enlargement is a key factor of the network (required by the European Commission)
- Good dissemination and exploitation activities are the key factor for enlargement
- Enlargement can be seen:
 - a) horizontally (within the own country, other organisations etc.)
 - b) vertically (other countries not represented in the partnership)
- Enlargement should strengthen the network in terms of
 - knowledge and experiences
 - dissemination possibilities
 - further perspectives of the target groups (training organisations, employers workers in the tourism sector, other stakeholders) etc.
- Enlargement should not weaken the network in terms of
 - Long lasting discussions with new partners about basics of the network
 - Slow decision making processes
 - Having and financial implications for the existing partners etc.
- The aim of the network enlargement strategy is to maximise the strengths and minimise the weaknesses of further partners



Suggestions for basic principles of the enlargement strategy:

- 1)The ECVET TC NET network is basically open for continuous enlargement
- 2)Every organisation in the field of tourism and catering in Europe (and beyond?) can join the network group
- 3)New network members do not receive any project budget for their activities and have to finance their contributions from external sources
- 4)New network members have no vote in the project steering committee
- 5)The funded network members do not have any obligation to accept suggestions made by new members
- 6)New members receive a written statement of their membership
- 7)New members are free to join the network meetings at their own cost
- 8)New network members receive the network outputs also in draft stage for comments and contributions
- 9)The funded network members each have the right to refuse a membership application (with majority vote in the steering committee?)
- 10)New network members will be mentioned in a separate section of the network website

Your suggestions and concerns:

- New partners have a consultative role but not a decision making role until the end of the funding period of the network
- What is the added value for the new partner organisations?