THE ECC IN CYPRUS

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Who are the Delivery Partners in Cyprus? (contact details) and /or places you can do the ECC	LCEducational is the Lead and Delivery Partner in all cities all over Cyprus, as it's a very small country.
What has happened in Cyprus about getting the ECC established?	• In May 2010, we had a presentation of ECC/CCFC from the responsible of the project James Churchill, the VP of the ECC board Andreas Herman, and a representative for the NQF /EQF of the Human Resources Development Authority who explained the situation in Cyprus. • LCE is trying to constitute with the support of the Social Welfare Committee of the Municipality of Limassol, a Professional Association for the validation of the profession of the social carer. • We have a national ECC network of NGO's and Day Cares and Institutions for people with special needs and elderly people. • Total exams taken until 31 August 2011: 4 **64 persons**. **51 passes:** **13 Fails**: 8 out of 13 gave the exam a 2nd time and passed. • Only paper exams are used because carers are low qualified and their computer skills are practically inexistent. • 5 Training course materials ECC compliant produced until now.We have a 3 year contract from the Government office of the HRDA for a 60h training for carers of people with disabilities and a 90h training for carers of elderly people.
Who have you been working with? Who are the present stakeholders how have you addressed them?	• We have been contacting some universities in order to include ECC exams in a relevant training program (special education, social work). We are waiting their answer. • Stakeholders: **Care providers:** ECC brochures were sent all over Cyprus. All Homes for elderly, day centres and institutions of people with special needs and special schools in the city of Limassol and some more in the other cities were visited by a representative of LCEducational. On the 26 of January 2011, LCEducational organised an Info day on ECC with the presence of 40 local employers and key persons from the Municipality of Limassol. We presented the importance of ECC and also the results of the exams in 2010. **Authorities dealing with care and qualifications** : HRDA, Municipality of Limassol
What are the "Selling" points of ECC in Cyprus?	• It's a proof/recognition for Basic qualification skills that didn't exist until now. • No other trainings or certificates like ECC exist in Cyprus. • Need for qualifications in the sector of social care, especially for people who are searching for work and for migrant workers.
What are the plans for ECC in Cyprus?	• Planning to have more exam sessions as two groups of students will start training in September/October and will have the exam in December • We are waiting from the Universities to become DP's. • More training courses to be approved as ECC compliant. We will continue having approximately 3 training courses per year until the end of 2013. • We are planning a meeting with the Minister of Education in order for the ECC to become officially approved in the Department of Special Education of Cyprus.
Here is a story of how the ECC worked for an [employer/ worker/ student] in Cyprus	Kate is a carer that attended the 1st ECC compliant course of LCEducational. At that time she was working in a day centre for people with physical disabilities. At the end of the course and 3 months after succeeding ECC exams she and 4 other colleagues of her were fired. She searched for work, with ECC as her only certified qualification even if she had 25 years of experience in the field. She had different interviews and went through a big competition and she was finally employed in one of the biggest private hospitals of Cyprus thanks to ECC.
What should you do if you are interested in the ECC in Cyprus	Contact LCEducational centre in Limassol and our personnel will give you all the necessary information regarding ECC.