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4th European Conference:
"Innovations in the Environmental Sector"
Competence Models, E-Learning, Social Communities

Deadline for Submissions Extended!

Due to popular demand, the deadline for submissions to the 4th European Conference "Innovations in the Environmental Sector" (INES) has been extended! Potential participants from the environmental sector, human resources development and competence modelling can now submit their papers until the 6th of June, 2011, providing further time for the development of subjects for presentation at the INES conference. "The interest shown in the conference has convinced us to give more time to applicants in order to ensure the best submissions possible," says Christian M. Stracke, coordinator of the hosting WACOM project from the University of Duisburg-Essen in Germany and competence modelling expert, "this of course will support the quality of interaction at INES and thus benefit all involved." The INES Conference will take place on the 21st of September, 2011 in Brussels, Belgium.

The European Conference INES is focusing new ways and approaches for the lifelong learning by competence models, E-Learning and social communities. INES 2011 continues the discussion developed at the first three related European conferences in Vilnius (Lithuania), Budapest (Hungary) and most recently in Bucharest (Romania) last September in 2010. The WACOM consortium has organized and utilised these previous opportunities, along with national workshops in each of the WACOM partner countries, to raise the awareness of the stakeholders in the water sector, human resource development, and vocational education and training concerning the benefits and implementations of competence modelling in the water sector.

The conference is organized in conjunction with the European Conference "Competence Modelling for the Water Sector" that will present the major outcome of the European WACOM consortium and initiative for competence modelling in the water sector: The Water Competence Model (WCM) with its tools for harmonized descriptions of job profiles and working places in the water sector. The overall objectives of WACOM are the transfer and adaptation of a competence model to the water sector and its integration and harmonisation with the European Qualification Framework (EQF), thus contributing to European competence standardisation and improving vocational education and training.

Attendance at the European conference "Innovations in the Environmental Sector" (INES) is free of charge and requires online registration as places are limited. Submissions of papers related to the conference (max. eight pages) must be sent to the WACOM Consortium by the new, extended deadline of Monday, the 6th of June 2011. The submitters are informed about the acceptance of the papers by 20th of June 2011. All accepted will be published in the official proceedings of the European Conference (with ISBN) and distributed to all conference participants and across whole Europe. Specific guidelines and requirements can be found on at www.learning-innovations.eu.

Overview of the important dates:
- Paper submission deadline: June 6, 2011
- Notification of acceptance: June 20, 2011
- Camera-Ready copy due: July 4, 2011
- Conference program: September 21, 2011

Direct enquiries and full papers can be sent to the WACOM project manager Xenia Kuhn, University of Duisburg-Essen, via e-Mail to: xenia.kuhn@icb.uni-due.de.

About the European project WACOM:

WACOM is the European Leonardo-da-Vinci Project for the transfer of a competence model to the water sector and its integration and harmonization with the European Qualification Framework (EQF) for competence modelling throughout whole Europe.

The Competence Model can be adapted and used within any water sectors and also within all other branches in the future:
It will improve the transparency, competitiveness, and mobility both for the citizens as well as for the enterprises towards a better European VET and society.

Finally it is submitted to the European Standardization Committees (CEN/TC 353) as the input to launch a standardization project for a harmonized European Norm (EN).

More information about WACOM online:
http://www.wacom-project.eu

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