

Dear Reader,

welcome to the second Newsletter of the “URPL: University Recognition of Prior Learning Centres – Bridging Higher Education with Vocational Education” funded by the European Commission under the Lifelong Learning Programme. This time we bring you announcements about 2 reports we have produced on RPL which you may enjoy reading and updates on past and upcoming events of the project.

Enjoy your reading!

Report: Review of the Recognition of Prior Learning in member states in Europe

We are pleased to share with you a study of RPL systems in the European Union. that was prepared by URPL project team members Professors Marcel Pariat and Pascal Lafont. This report is intended to present a cross-country analysis whose aim is to look at validation not only from a national perspective but also from an organizational and individual perspective. Key issues such as quality assurance and practitioner profiles, the number of people who have benefited from validation and / or the number of qualifications awarded for example are also covered in most European countries. [More](#)

Report: Recognition of Prior Learning in Scotland

We are pleased to share with you yet another report that was prepared by URPL project team members. Marina Shapira from the Employment Research Institute of the University of Edinburgh prepared a study on the implementation of RPL in Scotland. The report presents a study into key critical factors to the implementation of the RPL system in Scotland. The aim of the report is to contribute to the understanding of critical factors for the implementation of RPL in different national systems by providing a study into the implementation process in Scotland. [More](#)

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Upcoming events

Stakeholder's conference and consultation on RPL, 6th December 2012, Zagreb, Croatia

The Institute for the Development of Education (IDE) and the Ministry for Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia are organizing a Working seminar on Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) on the 6th December 2012 in Zagreb, Croatia.

The aim of the stakeholder consultations is to collect critical input towards the analysis of the critical factors to the implementation of RPL in Croatia, which will serve as the basis for the development of recommendations and guidelines for RPL in Croatia. As one of the elements of the stakeholder consultations IDE in cooperation with the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports will organise a one day Working seminar on Recognition of Prior Learning in Croatia. The Working seminar aims to gather representatives of the universities in Croatia; representatives of the labour market; researchers; relevant national agencies and civil society; as well as participants from the region active in the TFBHC and ERI SEE Cluster of knowledge: Development of NQFs. Interested in the seminar? Contact vivosevic@iro.hr or visit our website for further information where more information will be provided soon.

Events held

Meeting with Polish stakeholders

In July 2012 the project team had the honor to meet Vice-Rector of the Jagiellonian University, Professor Andrzej Mania, Under-secretary of State in Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Professor Daria Lipińska- Nalęcz and Ms Anna Atlas, director of the Lifelong Learning Programme in Poland. During the meeting we discussed the benefits that RPL provides. [More](#)

Training for Subject Experts (RPL for individuals)

Training for Subject Experts, given by Andy Gibbs from the Edinburgh Napier University, took place in July 2012 at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków. The meeting was attended by diverse stakeholders: URPL project team members, researchers from different departments of the

Jagiellonian University, vice rector of the Jagiellonian University,
Undersecretary of State in the Ministry. [More](#)

Training for Credit Rating Centre team at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków

Jamie Brogan from Edinburgh Napier University led a workshop for the project team about the rules for construction and establishment of credit rating center at the university. Based on ENU's experience Jamie talked about the essential elements which enable the proper functioning of the center. At the same time we had the opportunity to work. [More](#)

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