

What's up?

The political objective of the Lisbon European Council was clear : making Europe "the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world".

In order to reinforce the competences of the newcomers on the economic market, it is now understood that all the fields of Education have to be valued.

In a modern globalised society, key competencies such as team skills, autonomy, the ability to reflect, creativeness and communication skills are becoming increasingly important.

Therefore, the question of recognition becomes a real issue that has to be taken into account by the Non Formal Education field. That is the reason why SALTO-NEWS focuses this issue on "Accreditation" in order to share methods for evaluating and recognising the acquisition of key competencies...

The last Eurobarometer points out that employability is among the young people's first priorities.

READ IN COYOTE

Giving Credit:

Certification and Assessment of Non-formal Education

Certificates, portfolios... Should young people get official recognition for youth work? What is the goal of non-formal education? Caroline Vink's article is Coyote's first contribution to the debate about quality and qualification of European youth work.

Formal and non formal education

"In working with some political and/or students' organisations I have frequently experienced resistance amongst participants against dealing with more personal issues at seminars". In her article, Mette Bram gives some explanations of the psychological mechanism, which might provoke such resistance and some tips for trainers on how to react in those situations.



SALTO Focus on Accreditation

Staying alive: European Youth Forum background document on non-formal education (October 2000)

This document contains the results of discussions that took place in the workshops on the recognition of Non Formal Education (NFE).

This workshop took place during the symposium organised by the Council of Europe in 2000.

The aim of this symposium was to discuss about the new measures that could lead to a better recognition of Non Formal Education in Europe. *Some basic elements to underline the specificity of Non Formal Education, its value and its perspectives.*

Languages : English and French

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Personal Record of Achievement

"The record of Achievement is designed to allow you to be able to provide evidence that you have developed a range of knowledge, skills and understanding as a result of participating in an International Youth Exchange."

This folder of evidence, made of different cards, describes six Base skill areas and other Optional skill areas. In each skill area, one can find learning outcomes and the corresponding Evidence of personal development.

An essential tool to develop the follow-up of youth exchange and its achievements.

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Compilation of training materials

The Partnership (CoE & EU)

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Web pages of the Cedefop

Two main pages on the Cedefop concern the assessment and recognition of non-formal learning. The Cedefop (European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training) is the European Union's reference centre for vocational education and training (VET). It provides and analyses the information about VET for whoever is interested in this subject : the European Commission, the European Council or the European Parliament. Also the Member States – government ministries, employers, trades unions, colleges and universities, vocational trainers, researchers, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) ... and citizens themselves. The Cedefop also manages the European Commission's Study Visits Programme under the Leonardo da Vinci II Programme



The European Forum on Transparency of Vocational Qualifications

This page focuses on theoretical of non formal education and accreditation, and the interest of the transparency and of the vocational qualifications. You will find a comprehensive definition of non formal education with a description of the overall process of granting status to individuals.

<http://www2.trainingvillage.gr/etv/transparencv/assessment.asp>

Youth at European Training Village : you@ETV

The Cedefop you@ETV website is the name for the special site in the European Training Village (ETV) that has been set up for young people and young adults. The questions of mobility, of employability... are tackled. In addition, there are links, news and a Forum to chat.

<http://youth.trainingvillage.gr/index.asp>

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