



europass+: Documenting competence of young persons – relevance, experience, practice

European Symposium

December 12, 2007, 13.30 – 18.00

Venue: Nuremberg Congress Center, CCN2, Room: Istanbul

Language: English

Target group: 80 experts

The Europass framework concept introduced in 2005 enables European citizens to make their qualifications and competence transparent throughout Europe. The principal instrument for achieving this transparency is the Europass curriculum vitae (CV); other Europass documents can be linked to it. Users of the Europass CV, among them many young persons, are often unaware of how large the proportion of knowledge, skills and competence gained outside formal VET programmes is and, therefore, how important this makes additional information which supplements certificates of the formal VET system.

The Leonardo da Vinci project europass+ aims to support (young) users of the Europass CV in assuring themselves of their own knowledge, skills and competence (acquired in formal, non-formal and informal settings) and evidencing them in the Europass CV. For this purpose vocational education and training (VET) experts from seven European countries are currently developing and testing an online support tool – thus, in accord with the strategic aim of European VET policy on Lifelong Learning (LLL), contribute to making learning outcomes visible, independent of where and how they were acquired.

The expert symposium will present intermediate results of the europass+ project and experiences with the online support tool. The discussions will highlight questions of suitability of the support tool to the target group of young learners, usability in the context of different learning cultures and acceptance by the end-users.

The symposium is targeted to experts all over Europe – representatives of the employers, trade unions, political stakeholders, European bodies and research organisations will be involved. Conference language will be English.

Draft Agenda

13.30	Registration	
14.00	Welcome “Europass” - enhancing cross-border mobility of young persons	Thomas Reglin (f-bb)
14.15	The Europass CV and the Europass Web portal (proposal, to be agreed)	NN. Cedefop (requested)
14.35	Reception of the “Europass” in Germany	Uta-Maria Behnisch National Europass Center, DE
14.55	The European view: Different cultures and VET systems – diversity of traditions of competence assessment in Europe	Gabriele Fietz (f-bb)
15.15	The Cross-border perspective – insight into the “europass+” practice: Requirements of a European wide applicable support system for identifying and documenting informal learning.	CH: Furio Bednarz (ECAP) DE: Natalie Morawietz (f-bb), ES: Javier Vargas (Fundacion Tripartita), FR: Valérie Brenot (MEDEF) Stéphane Bigeard (AFPA), NO: Torild Nilsen Mohn (VOX), PL: Lech Kunc (Tnoik) / Stanislaw Gatz (Solidarnosc), UK: William B. Nicholls/Martin Weston (EEF), Bob Sissons (TGWU)
16.15	Coffee	
16.45	Making informal learning outcomes visible– prospects, challenges, boundaries (Deutsch, mit Übersetzung ins Englische)	Panel discussion: Moderation: Karin Küßner (BMBF) Susanne Müller (BDA) Klaus Fahle (Nationale Agentur Bildung für Europa, BIBB) Achim Dürschmid (EURES) Harry Neß (DIPF) Hans-Detlev Küller (DGB)
17.45	Conclusions	Prof. Dr. Eckart Severing (f-bb)
18.00	End of symposium	