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Recently happened

Board Meeting in Sopot, Poland – 20th of September 2017

Vice-president Céline presented a principles proposal for the work of the transitional board:

- Develop the added value of membership (more dialogue/ communications/ experience sharing);
- Building reliable processes of producing statistics and data;
- Develop European network of regional/national networks;
- Develop European legitimacy and persuasiveness and coalition force toward European institutions;
- Develop financial resources.



Teachers' Meeting 2017 - Sopot

This year, the Teachers' Meeting took place in the center of Socaila Integration, in Sopot during the week of the Youth Event. The topic of this meeting was: **Support - Variety - Integration - Responsibility**. The teachers had the opportunity to listen and take an active part in the two events that were presented, namely **"Projects in the network of 2nd Chance School"**, by Barbara Brodigan, from Euricon and **"Youth and social media"** by Przemek Ataron, from University SWPS. With this topic the Teachers' Meeting had a close connection to the Youth Event.



Recently happened

Youth Event – 18 - 22 September, Sopot

Like in past events, the 2017 Youth Summit was a SUCCESS. It was marked by the opportunity to develop self-awareness, self-confidence and making new contacts with youngsters and teachers from other countries. There were six countries involved (Portugal, Denmark, Germany; Sweden; France and Poland), with a total of 48 students, 15 leaders, 19 teachers, the members of the board, and 8 volunteers. The first meeting worked as an ice breaker and the following activities comprised visits to the city, to the European Solidarity Centre, many workshops, city games and the sharing of experiences and knowledge.



Recently happened

Erasmus KA1 International Youth Exchange DAR(t)E, 27.09 – 4.10.2017, Matosinhos, Portugal

From 27th September to 4th October 2017, 2nd Chance School Matosinhos hosted the multilateral youth exchange DAR(t)E, "Doing Art as education", in the Scouts Camp of São Jacinto, Aveiro, Portugal. There were around 40 young people and youth leaders coming from five different countries in Europe - Portugal, Spain (Foundation TOMILLO), Germany (BIDA e.V.Kultur und Bildung), Bulgaria (Essence Foundation) and Hungary (Kontiki Vocational Training) - with different cultural, social and educational backgrounds. Many of the participants travelled for the first time abroad and for the first time were part of a big international group involved into a creative artistic process with a final common goal – a public artistic performance. The participants were involved in three working groups (Theatre, Dance and Music), led by experienced trainers, having the chance and possibility to gain new knowledge and skills, to express themselves and to work within an international team in an intensive artistic programme and many other social activities.

The final performance has been a fantastic event where the young people DARE to present on the stage their ideas and the artistic creations prepared in the workshops and other common activities and took place on 2nd October, at 20.00h at the Theater Flor de Infesta, São Mamede Infesta, Matosinhos, before a public audience of 150 people.

DAR(t)E has been a "daring" life changing moment in the learning processes of the young participants, raising the visibility and public awareness of the social-educational problem of early leaving from education and training and emphasizing the importance of the use of artistic practices in non-formal education addressing vulnerable young people.

Luis Mesquita, 2nd Chance School Matosinhos



Recently happened

Youthreach LCETB sharing best practice with a delegation from Copenhagen Youth School and the Youth Guidance Center.



YOUTHREACH

In April of this year, a contingency of senior managers, guidance practitioners and policy makers from the Youth School and the Youth Guidance Center in Copenhagen went on a fact finding and study visit to Limerick City and Clare Education and Training Board, Limerick City Youthreach centers, VTOS Centres, Further Education and Training Centre Campuses.

The purpose of the study visit was not only to gain an insight and understanding of how successful second chance educational provision is developed, organized and managed in the Irish context but also to build up a mirror to their own educational system by reflecting on the Irish educational system in its totality. It was hoped that many insights on the Irish educational system would be gained from the presentations, the formal visits to educational settings and meeting with managers, staff and students during the study visit.

The three-day visit was facilitated and organized by a steering committee comprising of Martin Cournane, Gerry Griffin, and Shane Cullinane and the presentations delivered over the 3 days focused on the following:

- Overview of the education and training services provided by LCETB;
- Second chance educational provision- dealing with how one responds to early school leaving in the Irish context;
- An overview of the Guidance and Career path planning services that operate across the provision by LCETB;
- An overview of the Youth Service Provision that includes reflecting on the educational policy framework;
- Employer Engagement with the programmes.

After an intensive three days with some cultural events added into the mix, it proved to be a real worthwhile experience for the entire group; this was confirmed by the evaluation of the study visit using the tool, SurveyMonkey. The group headed back to Dublin on day four to make their way home to Copenhagen.

Gerard Griffin, National Coordinator, DES May 2017

Participation of E2C members in international events



European Vocational Skills Week 2017 reaches 45 countries

Over **1500 events** across **45 countries**, including in all 28 EU countries, as well as in Norway, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Iceland and EU candidate countries, are promoting the life changing skills that can be taught through vocational education.

A variety of schools, EU agencies, national and regional authorities have organized events, from conferences to careers days. The events aim to reach over one million people across Europe, to help change the perception of vocational education and make it a first choice for young people and adults looking to continue their education.

In 2018 we have the chance to present ourselves as an E2C network. We can present our success stories. Young people, who have not found any access to education and work, manage to make a path to a self-determined life through our second chance offer.

We can show that we are part of this European movement.

European Vocational Skills Week 2018 will take place from 5 to 9 November 2018 in Vienna, Austria. Once again, events will take place all over Europe.

Find out more at: <https://ec.europa.eu/social/vocational-skills-week>

Reinhold Schiffers



Ongoing

Mobility Projects - Hungary

SCS in Norrköping has a long experience on sending students abroad for work placements. We have been sending students abroad for work placements since 2000. Over the years we have been granted from Leonardo da Vinci fundings and for the last years we have received money from Erasmus+. During the years, the receiving organizations have been our partners in Leeds, Dublin, Doncaster and Copenhagen.

In September we visited Bristol to establish a contact with the new partner, The Phoenix Social Enterprise in Bristol. We met CEO Babs Williams, and next year, in 2018, Norrköping will be sending students to Bristol. We are very pleased and hope it will be very exciting and rewarding for our students.



Fia Björde and Pierre Driscoll
Second Chance School, Norrköping

Network for Neet Mobility

Copenhagen Youth School is part of the Erasmus+ project A Network for Neet Mobility, which runs from March 2017 to March 2019. The aim of the project is to promote mobility projects aimed at young people with fewer skills, primarily abroad, to enhance their key competences and life skills. The project works to create a network of businesses, schools and other organizations that can work as a base for mobilities for disadvantaged youth in areas and sectors linked to local development, especially in small and medium enterprises. The project involves 15 organizations working in businesses, training, inclusion and youth networks in 6 European countries (France, Italy, Spain, Greece, Germany and Denmark), among others the Italian Chamber of Commerce in 5 of the countries.

On the 2nd of November 2017 Copenhagen Youth School and Danitacom- Camera di Commercio Italiana in Danimarca hosted a local multiplier event and roundtable discussion. The roundtable discussion was on how to plan, organize and manage useful work experiences that can contribute to the development of key skills with young people from the target group. More than 30 people from companies, schools, institutions and students from the target group participated in the event. Similar roundtable discussions will be made in 11 different cities in Europe as part of the project. For more information check the [facebook page](#).

Ongoing

N2C – a network project between Second Chance Schools in Sweden, Denmark and Norway

Six schools and organizations working with second chance education in Denmark, Sweden and Norway have received funding for further development of the exchange and corporation in the informal network N2C (Nordic Second Chance Schools). The countries in the projects have similar target groups, organization and focus on informal learning which makes it very easy to learn and adapt methods from each other. The main activity in the project is a conference for staff about informal learning and integration in Society in a social and labor market perspective. Expected results are new methods and increased knowledge of students' informal and formal learning and the creation of a forum for the continuing exchange of experiences and methods between the members of the staff. The project is supported by Nordplus and partners are Second Chance Schools in Linköping, Norrköping, Malmö, Tyresö and Copenhagen and Folkuniversitetet in Trondheim, Norway. The first project meeting was held in Copenhagen 25 – 27 October 2017.

Erasmus KA2 Strategic Partnership TIP – “transferring innovative practices in 2nd chance education addressing ELET”

TIP - “transferring innovative practices in 2nd chance education addressing ELET” is a strategic partnership aiming to establish a learning partnership as an open collaborative environment, between organizations and practitioners (artists, youth workers, trainers, social workers) active in social and educational work from 5 different European countries (Coordinator – 2nd Chance School Matosinhos, Portugal, Partners - From Portugal, IPP - INSTITUTO POLITECNICO DO PORTO / ESMAC (Escola Superior de Música e Artes do Espetáculo), Porto – Portugal, From Bulgaria, National Academy for Theatre and Film Arts, Sofia – Bulgaria, From Hungary, Kontiki Vocational Training Zrt.

Budapest – Hungary, From UK, Phoenix Social Enterprise (PSE) Limited, Bristol – UK, From Italy, Fondazione Istituto Morcelliano, Chiari – Italy. The main associated partner is E2C Europe, the European Association of Cities, Institutes and Second Chance Schools.)

The project will develop processes of networking creative practices in second chance education and social inclusion work, exploring the potential of non-formal approaches in education, specially addressing young ELET (Early Leavers from Education and Training).

The 3 intellectual outputs that will be developed, a school-based staff training program, a toolkit of non-formal creative practices and a documentary story telling film will be implemented concurrently in the participating schools, providing the necessary support for the introduction of these innovative practices through reflective supervisions with experienced trainers.

The project will promote the public awareness on the importance of non-formal alternative approaches in social and educational work, addressing marginalized groups, through public seminars and trainings in different countries as well as a web interactive platform for sharing and dissemination of results.

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Ongoing

Erasmus KA2 Strategic Partnership TIP – “transferring innovative practices in 2nd chance education addressing ELET” - continuation

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TIP is a 2-year Erasmus + KA2 project, had the Kick off meeting last 23-24 November 2017, in Porto and Matosinhos, Portugal, and will run until September 2019.

Luis Mesquita, 2nd Chance School Matosinhos



Other News

Second Chance Schools – 20 years of a European Policy

On 29 November 1995, the European Commission adopted a White Paper on education and training entitled “Teaching and Learning: Towards the Learning Society”. Five main objectives were identified in that paper, the third of which was ‘combating social exclusion’.

The experimental scheme for ‘Second Chance Schools’ was proposed under the third objective and a pilot project was launched by the European Commission, intending to provide new education and training opportunities to young excluded people who lacked the skills and qualifications to enter further training or the job market.

After the publication of the scheme in the White Paper, the Commission was soon confronted with spontaneous expressions of interest from local and regional authorities. Before the launch of the pilot projects at the end of 1996, some 80 expressions of interest had been received. Over the course of four years (1996-2000) this number climbed to more than 300.

Pilot projects in this field were launched gradually in the Member States. The first second chance schools in Europe opened in 1997, 20 years ago. 13 pioneer Second Chance Schools were set up in 11 countries: • Germany (Cologne and Halle), Denmark (Svendborg), Spain (Barcelona and Bilbao), Finland (Hameenlinna), France (Marseille), Greece (Athens), Italy (Catania), The Netherlands (Heerlen), Portugal (Seixal), Sweden (Norrköping) and the United Kingdom (Leeds).

Along the last 20 years, a large network of second chance schools was established in many European countries, and in some European countries became a national, regional and local policy and available educational measure to address early leavers from education and training (ELET).

Despite the ups and downs, second-chance schools have become a European policy, and are today systematically recommended by the European Commission as an adequate measure to address ELET, and an important part of European efforts to raise young people qualifications and to promote their social and professional integration.

Luis Mesquita, 2nd Chance School Matosinhos



Nearly Future



Some of the Board Members will attend this Conference in Brussels on the 25th of January and they will promote second chance education as an European priority, trying to influence public policies through innovative networking.

E2C-Europe YOUTH SUMMIT 2018, Matosinhos – Portugal, 3rd to 8th June 2018 “Second Chance Education for Youth Inclusion in Europe”

The City of Matosinhos and the Second Chance School of Matosinhos are proud to host the annual E2C - Europe Youth Summit next June 2018 and pleased to welcome all of you to Portugal and to Matosinhos.

The date of arrival for the summit will be Sunday 3 June and day of departure will be Friday 8 June. The programme will start with a welcoming ceremony and will finish with a performance and party!

The main theme of the summit will be Second Chance Education for Social Inclusion of Young People, calling the attention for the need of National Policies to Reduce Early Leaving from Education and Training.

The Youth Summit will offer different kind of activities for all participants, students, leaders, teachers and decision makers:

- The Youth Event with workshops for young people;
- The Teacher's Meeting;
- The International Conference of Second Chance Education;
- The General Assembly of E2.

Welcome to the Youth Summit 2018 in Portugal!

Organizing Commission – Municipality of Matosinhos and Second Chance School of Matosinhos





Working goals for the next months

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