



The French presidency
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*Preparation of the conference
on
LifeLong guidance*

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■ The French presidency

Will contribute to :

- taking up the challenge of « the knowledge Economy » in the new cycle of the Lisbon Strategy
- developing the European area of Lifelong Learning and the application of the EU tools at European and National level

Will focus on the topics which are priorities both at national and European level

Mobility and Guidance will be the 2 main themes of our Presidency

LifeLong Guidance Conference : « *Managing transitions* »

- **Where ?** LYON, as there is a local strong tradition of cooperation between administrations, regional authorities and social partners
- **When ?** on the 18th and 19th september 2008 : it will open the EUFP as the first conference
- **What for ?** This conference will measure the MS's progress made in the implementation of LLG resolution since Jyväskylä in 2006

The proposed outcome is a LLG Action Plan Resolution

The main topics

The aim is to tackle the concrete concerns of French as well of MS's policy makers and to gather good practices of European countries

1. How can youngsters be assisted to develop effective self management of their learning and to acquire skills and qualifications ?
2. How can individuals manage the transitions throughout life ?
3. How to ensure the quality of the guidance services and products ?

1. Developing guidance and counselling for youngsters

- **How to motivate young people to invest in learning, to achieve their school pathway so that they get a job?**
- **How to prevent school leaving ? What are the roles of education systems ? The role of specific agencies (e.g missions locales) ?**
- **Gender / Social discriminations and career guidance : how to reduce stereotypes ?**

2. Managing the transitions throughout life ?

- **Transition from secondary schools to higher education**
- **From school /university to jobs : the roles of education systems, public employment services, enterprises ?**
- **How can individuals value their experience and manage professional transitions throughout their life ?**

3. Ensuring the quality of the guidance services

- **The quality of information both at european, national, regional, local level should be guaranteed by the complementarity of information services**
- **A broader access to information and counselling should be enhanced by the coordination of guidance services**
- **How to train practitioners ?**

Preliminary programme

Opening of the conference

- Guidance policies : French perspective
M.Xavier Darcos, minister of education
- Guidance in the EU
M. Jan Figel, Member of the EU Commission
- Two key note speakers : French expert and European expert

Workshops

- 1. Workshop 1 : broadening guidance services access for all and coordination of all the actors :**
 - information centers / tools
 - coordination of the actors / quality of the guidance provision
- 2. Workshop 2 : preventing school leaving**
 - Job discovering / positive guidance
 - Counselling for disadvantaged youngsters
- 3. Workshop 3 : managing transitions throughout life .**
 - Schools / higher education
 - Schools / jobs
 - Professional transitions including job / unemployment

The opportunities of linking the EUFP conference and the work of the ELGPN

There is an opportunity both for the Network and the French Presidency :

- How the ELGPN work could feed the French conference priorities ?
- How the French conference can contribute to the impact of ELGPN?

*Thank you for your attention
and future cooperation*

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