



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

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Meeting of the ELGPN
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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 LLG in the European area »

- **Where ?** LYON, as there is a local strong tradition of cooperation between administrations, regional authorities and social partners
- **When ?** on the 17th and 18th september 2008 : it will open the EUFP as the first conference

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 guidance services contribute to equal opportunities in education and training?**
- 2. How can guidance contribute to workforce entry and to lifelong career development ?**
- 3. How can guidance services be better organised and more responsive ?**

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 : **Mrs Bulgarelli – CEDEFOP/ Raimo Vuorinen ELGN coordinator**

Workshops

1. **Workshop 1 : the quality of information and services.services. The coordination of stakeholders**
 - Key characteristics of an information system
 - quality of the guidance provision and coordination of stakeholders
2. **Workshop 2 : Guidance and workforce entry : preventing school leaving**
 - Guidance related learning
 - How to support disadvantaged people ?
3. **Workshop 3 : supporting lifelong transitions .**
 - Transition between initial education and employment for those leaving higher education
 - Lifelong employment transitions

Plenary sessions

- 1ST on the 18th september morning :
outcomes of the workshops and debate
- 2d on the 18th sept afternoon : Round table :
*« Guidance : shared responsibility. Roles of
state, regions, local authorities and of the other
stakeholders »*

Closing : Mme Péresse, French minister of
higher education

And then dinner on the Saône...

***Thank you for your attention
and future cooperation***

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