

INVITATION

Leonardo da Vinci thematic contact seminar
International Challenges in the Apprenticeship Training
21st – 23rd April 2009 in Helsinki, Finland

CIMO (the National Agency in Finland for the LLP-programme) and Finnish National Board of Education are pleased to invite you to the Leonardo da Vinci thematic contact seminar “International Challenges in the Apprenticeship Training” in Helsinki, Finland

Date: 21st April – 23rd April, 2009

Themes and aims:

The aim of the thematic contact seminar is to identify the needs, challenges and best practises in **apprenticeship training** in order to create successful mobility periods for VET apprentices. The idea is to bring together **apprenticeship training key players and actors** in Europe to reach a common understanding of how to tackle the quality aspects, sectoral aspects, linguistic demands and legal framework aspects. Other topics to be discussed: the use of Europass and recognition issues.

The aims will be discussed and elaborated in the following four workshops:

- ECVET and EQF
- Making informal skills visible
- Legal obstacles and challenges in mobility
- Involvement of working life, culture and attitudes, willingness

Target group:

- Persons and bodies responsible for systems and policies concerning any apprenticeship training at local, regional and national level
- Apprenticeship training providers, workplace tutors, teachers, trainers and other staff within those institutions or organisations
- Enterprises, social partners and other representatives of working life
Research centres and bodies concerned with apprenticeship training

Leonardo National Agency representatives are also invited to participate in the contact seminar and to offer their expertise and advice to potential applicants.

Working language:

The working language of the seminar will be English. Participants' language skills should be sufficient to enable active participation in the working groups.

Venue: The seminar will take place in Helsinki Diakonia College.
Address: Alppikatu 2, 00510 Helsinki

The participation fee:

180 € which includes all seminar activities, including lunch on 22nd and 23rd and Get-together dinner on 21st and dinner on 22nd of April. Travel and accommodation costs are not included in the seminar fee.

Hotel suggestions:

We have pre-reserved the following hotels for you. The booking should be done by the participants directly to the hotel **before 20.3.** after which the hotel does not guarantee rooms.

Sokos Hotel Vaakuna (reservation code "Leonardo")

Asema-aukio 2, 00100 Helsinki, Finland
Tel. +358 (0)20 1234 610
Fax +358 (0)9 433 77100
email: vaakuna.helsinki@sokoshotels.fi

Price 125€/person/night

Holiday Inn Helsinki City Centre (reservation code "CMO")

Elielinaukio 500100 HELSINKI
<http://www.restel.fi/holidayinn/view.cfm?page=hotel.2>
Puh: 09-5425 5000
Fax: 09-5425 5299
email: helsinki.hihcc@restel.fi

Price: 153€/person/night

Travel and transfer:

Participants will organize their travel to the hotel and the seminar venue themselves. The hotels are situated in the centre of Helsinki and City bus 615 takes appr. 35 minutes from the Helsinki-Vantaa airport to the centre. In front of the hotel you can take the tram 3B to reach the seminar venue.

Preparation:

The final date for registration is **6th March 2009**. The seminar is planned for 35 European participants.

The seminar fee will have to be paid by the participants at the latest on 31st March 2009. Participation fee and travel costs could be funded through Preparatory Visit (PV) grant. For more information regarding PVs please contact your National Agency.

Further information:

Individual questions should be sent to:
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