



Editing Group & Resources Piloting Group Meetings

Thursday 6 November 2008: 9.30 a.m Tallinn, EE

Present:

Unison NW, UK	Frank Hont & Lynne Morris
University Liverpool, UK	Alison Hughes (co-ordinator) & Carol Stewart
University of Vaasa, FI	Jouko Havunen
METALL Murikka, FI	Aki Ojakangas, Jouko Reijonen, Sirpa Lahteenmaki
CGT, FR	Rene Bagorski
University of Versailles, FR	Elena Poles, Sandrine Gihl
University of Primorska, SI	Klemen Sirok
Gh. Asachi Technical University of Iasi, RO	Gabriela Atanasiu, Milica Draguita
Sindic. Salar, RO	Stefan Grigoras
Kaunas University of Technology, LT	Aura Draksaite

Note: The 2 groups came together for discussion and the agendas were combined.

Editing Group

1. Materials currently on website

It was agreed that the materials being proposed for the website were generally relevant and helpful. Care should be taken to ensure there is no duplication of material - eg partner websites which are already accessible via the Network Information link. It was also agreed that materials should be as focused as possible so they are of relevance to both sectors.

Some partners reported difficulties in accessing the Versailles site in order to be able to review materials before publication. It was agreed therefore that the Coordinator will send documents/links via email in addition to using the current procedures.

2. Items to raise at Partner & Management Group, 6/7 November

No items were raised.

3. Any other business

There was no other business

Resources Piloting Group

1. Materials currently on website

The Coordinator requested that RPG members review the case studies/descriptive papers and national reports which have been produced in draft form to date. In particular they should review any descriptions of transferability of the experience described and comment on what further information, if any, would be desirable. Initial comments were that it would be helpful if the materials included some analysis of the successes and problems arising out of the collaborative arrangements being described. Deadline for comment – November 28th

2. The Project Website

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the project home page. It was agreed that it should include statements about the benefits of TULIP for both the TU and University sectors and for associated stakeholders such as employers (in particular Human Resource Managers) and policy makers. The home page should try to answer the question “why should I be interested in TULIP?”. This is particularly relevant for TUs as the academic world is generally familiar with the kind of networking and exchange process that TULIP has put in place.

It was also suggested that the home page should encourage dialogue and that it should try to open communication channels with visitors more prominently within the core text.

It was agreed that the home page should include 4 new sections:

- A vision statement for TULIP which emphasis the core aims and values of TULIP in opening up ULLL opportunities for TU members and which presents TULIP as a journey or process towards change.
- A statement about the benefits of TULIP for TUs and why they should be interested and/or actively involved. This should directly address the potential of the TULIP to improve the working lives of TU members.

This should be followed by a statement to the effect “*If you would like to discuss this work with a Trade Union partner in TULUP – please click here*” and this would open an email link to send a message to the Coordinator who would then forward the message to TU partners.

- A statement about the benefits of TULIP for Universities and why they should be interested and/or actively involved. This should refer to the need for the HE sector to look beyond traditional university entrants and the potential for TUs to open up new markets for ULLL.

This should be followed by a statement to the effect “*If you would like to discuss this work with a University partner in TULUP – please click here*” and this would open an email link to send a message to the Coordinator who would forward the message to University partners.

- A statement addressed to other stakeholders (eg employers, policy makers) which emphasises the important role that the 2 sectors play in promoting lifelong learning and in developing new ways of doing things. It should also refer to the resulting social and economic benefits and emphasise that TULIP welcomes dialogue with other parties.

This should be followed by a statement to the effect “*If you would like to discuss the work of TULUP – please click here*” and this would open an email link to send a message to the Coordinator.

It was also agreed that the new text for the home page should be translated into the languages of the Network to ensure as wide accessibility as possible.

There were suggestions for items to be included on the website at a later date (and to be discussed at future meetings):

- Quotations from learners which illustrate successful collaboration
- A “wish list” – both individual and collective – arising out of the TULIP dialogue
- A statement describing “how far have we moved” as a result of TULIP

It was agreed the 3rd item (“how far have we moved”) also feeds in to the evaluation process.

The Group was unable to comment on other aspects of the website because of time constraints but were asked to feedback to the Coordinator by the end of November.

3. Items to raise at Partner & Management Group, 6/7 November

No items were raised.

4. Action Plan for Continued Review of Resources and Feedback

It was agreed that the Group would comment on resources materials and the web pages by the end of November and would feedback to Coordinator. The Coordinator to follow up any specific issues with MG

The issues raised under 2 above regarding future items for inclusion on the website to be picked up at future RPG/Editing Group meetings.