

EUROSTUDENT IV

4th meeting of consortium

March 2010 in Prague

Agenda of meeting (draft proposal from HIS)

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1. Update on work programme, including report on CSH from Lette (ResearchNed)
2. Consortium members' obligations for budget administration
 - HIS has to present the EU with an interim report on work progress and budget administration by mid-May. We will need your help here.
3. Need to plan where and when to have the next project events in the Autumn and Winter of 2010/11 and the final conference (Work Schedule)
 - Provision of intensive seminar on data interpretation and context information for E:IV (Sept/Oct 10). Planned location (but can change) Germany.
 - Workshop on data interpretation and context information (Oct/Nov. 10). Location open.
 - Final international conference (June 11). Location open.
 - Should we ask countries to make a proposal to us? This could assure that the local support of the events is strong.
4. Dissemination
 - Proposal for regional hubs, e.g. Norway, Denmark and Sweden are working together to some extent. The new minister of education in Iceland is also interested in the project. Could we strengthen such ties? From discussions with colleagues in Estonia and Lithuania I have also noticed that they are affected by many of the same issues, such as the split between students on free study places and paying high fees. It might, for instance, be sensible for these countries to take these two situations as focus groups for many of the indicators (e.g. social background and financial situation).
 - Germany will be producing a special report using both EUROSTUDENT and the national report (Sozialerhebung). Can other countries follow suit?
 - How should we present our final results and where?
 - These are going to be important issues for the next phase of the project and the events at the end of this year.
 - A contribution to this section will be made by Elisabeth, as she will be presenting this topic on Tuesday.
5. Planning for EUROSTUDENT V
 - At the next meeting of the Steering Board in September 2010 we should have a concept for financing EUROSTUDENT V.

- Can we re-look at asking countries to pay fees to take part (around 20 thousand Euros?). This would be one major source of funding.

6. New projects

- What do members think of using the EUROSTUDENT network to launch a new project focussed specifically on foreign students in our national higher education systems. There appears to be a strong interest in such a project on the part of the EU, BFUG and Eurostat...
- There is a proposal from Martin (AT) and Ayşe (TR) to enter a proposal for a COST network in March 2011 - see here for more information on COST.

7. Communication

- 2010 and 2011 we should intensify discussions within the consortium.
- We would like to now agree on some form of video-conferencing tool, which each partner should test and maybe present their experiences at the meeting. We are involved in other projects which use such tools and think that it is time for EUROSTUDENT to follow suite. We suggest testing the following two services: Vvew and Flash meeting.
- Alternatively or additionally we should also think of using telephone conferencing.

Participants

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- Deyan Pilev, ЦKOKO, BG
- Christoph Gwosc, HIS, DE
- Dominic Orr, HIS, DE
- Hanna-Stella Haaristo, EÜL, EE
- Lennart Nooij, MinOCW, NL
- Elisabeth Hovdhaugen, NIFU-Step, NO
- special guest: Lette Hogeling, ResearchNed
- (apologies: CHERI, UK)