

Regional Dimension of the EU eLearning Agenda

3-4 May 2006, EU Committee of the Regions, rue
Belliard 101, 1040 Brussels

Programme

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 3 MAY

Session 1 Chairperson: Kent Johansson, Member of the EU Committee of the Regions and President of EARLALL

13.30
Arrival

14.00
Welcome

Gerhard Stahl, Secretary-General, EU Committee of the Regions

14.10
Introduction from the Chair

Kent Johansson, Member of the EU Committee of the Regions and President of EARLALL

14.20
Ministerial intervention

Mr Ugo Ascoli, Marche Region Minister responsible for Education, Training and Employment

14.30-14.40
Presentation of the Report "Regional dimension of the EU eLearning Agenda"
Brussels Working Group

14.40 – 15.20:
Commission's perspective: Role of the regions in key future EU initiatives:

14.40-15.00
Maruja Gutierrez-Diaz DG EAC Head of Unit A 4 Innovation and transversal policies
The role of the regions in the New Integrated Programme – eLearning measures

15.00-15.20
DG INFSO – speaker to be confirmed
i2010 – eLearning in a European Information Society for growth and employment

15.20-15.40
Questions and debate

Coffee
15.40-16.00



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Session 2 Chairperson: Christine Major, Welsh Assembly Government, Senior Learning Policy Manager with responsibility for e-learning

16.00

Introduction from the Chair

Christine Major, Welsh Assembly Government, Senior Learning Policy Manager with responsibility for e-learning

16.15-18.30

"EU Elearning Agenda: How far does the EU agenda reflect regional/sectoral concerns?"

10 minute interventions by the practitioners of the sectors involved in the Report. The practitioners should explain in 10 minutes the key concerns and new developments in their sector, related to the EU eLearning agenda.

Responses from the previous Commission speakers and **Patricia Manson, DG INFSO, Head of Unit E 3 Learning and Cultural Heritage, European Commission**

16.15-16.25

- SME :
 - o East Finland – Mr Juha Lång, Mindcom Ltd

16.25-16.55

- Research/university sector :
 - o Scotland – Dr Richard Parsons, University of Dundee
 - o East Finland - Ms Maija Suhonen, Savonia University of Applied Sciences
 - o Scotland - Dr. Sean O Miadhachain, UHI Millennium Institute

16.55-17.35

- Adult/vocational education :
 - o Wales – Professor Tony Toole, Director of on-line services, Coleg Sir Gâr (Carmarthenshire College) Wales, United Kingdom
 - o Basque Country – Mr Alberto de la Cuesta, Coordinator for ICT and eLearning, TKNIKA, Technical Knowledge Institute, Centre for innovation and vocational training
 - o Regione Marche - Mrs Grazia Guermandi
 - o Unioncamere Piemonte – Eleonora Pantò, CSP, "*Keilab, a joint CSP-University of Torino research laboratory presents: KeiXpert: an expert system for comparing elearning platforms, methodology and pilot-project*"

17.35-17.55

- Public authorities :
 - o Catalonia - Sr. Joan Lluís Espinós, Deputy-director of organisation and programming on vocational training, Ministry of Education, Generalitat de Catalunya
 - o Regione Emilia-Romagna – Agostina Betta, Head of Training Department, Emilia-Romagna Regional Competence Centres, "The SELF project: an e-learning network in Emilia-Romagna"

17.55-18.15 **Questions and Discussion**

18.15-18.30 **Concluding remarks**

Dr. Sean O Miadhachain, UHI Millennium Institute, Scotland

18.30 – 20.00 **Reception**



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DAY 2: THURSDAY 4 MAY

Chairperson: Christina Tallberg, Member of the EU Committee of the Regions EDUC Commission

09.00

Arrival & coffee

09.30

“eLearning: Towards Digital Competence - from a Key Competence view”

Christina Tallberg, Member of the EU Committee of the Regions EDUC Commission

09.45-11.00

“How will the EU support eLearning after 2006?”

20 minute presentations from:

- DG INFSO (FP7 Information Society Technologies) – Patricia Manson
- DG INFSO (Competitiveness and Innovation Programme) – Pierre Marro
- DG EMPL (European Social Fund)

10.45-11.00

Questions/discussion

11.00

EU eLearning project experiences

15 minute presentations on:

- Services to the public/communities:
 - Rossella Brindani, “EDUC.A NETworks R3L – Centro Servizi P.M.I. (Emilia-Romagna)”
- Projects involving the academic sector:
 - Allan Martin, “DigEuLit project”, University of Glasgow, Scotland
- Projects with the business sector:
 - Slovenian Business and Research Association (tbc)

12.00

Regions of Europe co-operating in eLearning

- Kussai Shahin, “Mobile Gamed based Learning” – ASTER (Emilia-Romagna technological Development Agency)
- Wales – University of Glamorgan (tbc)

12.15

Questions/discussion

12.30

Lunch

14.00

Leave Committee of the Regions building

14.00 – 16.00

“Market Place” for eLearning Projects

At: Welsh Assembly Government EU Office, Wales House, R-P Schuman 11, 1040 Brussels



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