

CONTEMPORARY SITUATION OF UNIVERSITY LIFELONG LEARNING IN EUROPE


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TOPICS OF TODAY

University LLL in Europe 

University LLL in Finland 

EUCEN network 

EQUIPE project 

UCEF network 

UNIVERSITY LIFELONG LEARNING

Provision of learning opportunities
and services for:

- the personal and professional development of a wide range of individuals – lifelong and lifewide
- the social, cultural and economic development of communities and the region

- Underpinned by research
- In collaboration with stakeholders and external actors

ULLL IN PRACTICE **BeFlex**
<http://www.eucen.org/beflex.html>

<p>Most commonly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Non-accredited short courses (less than 15 days); longer courses (more than 15 days) ▪ ODL/e-learning ▪ Special masters programmes for specific groups 	<p>Not commonly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Modules of BMD programmes ▪ Bachelors programmes delivered differently ▪ Special Bachelors programmes for specific groups
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ULLL SOMETIMES **BeFlex**

- All part-time programmes
- All e-learning courses
- Outreach activities
- Updating for alumni
- University of the Third Age
- Preparation courses

TRADITIONAL MODEL OF SEPARATION **BeFlex**

1. Young in academic (state) diploma programmes (now BMD), uninterrupted, full-time, day-time
2. Adults in special courses, non-accredited, university diplomas, evenings or weekends, part time

INTEGRATED MODELS (BMD)

BeFlex

Mainstreamed:

- more professional orientation as well as academic in all/most programmes
- mixed groups – adults, young
- possibility to study selected units/credits, part of a diploma
- Intermediate awards (certificates etc)

Separate diplomas:

- - Customised for special (small) groups
- new special masters (lots of them)
- Credit-rating of short courses

CROSS-UNIVERSITY SERVICES

BeFlex

- Validation of non-formal and informal learning
- Advice and guidance
- Careers orientation
- Mentoring/tutoring
- Support programmes
- Management and Administration
- Regional collaboration
- Technology transfer

MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATION

BeFlex

- Integrated internally
 - in faculties/departments
- Separated internally:
 - A separate UCE/ULL Unit
- Separated externally:
 - A foundation
 - A private company
- Mixed models

TASKS OF ULLL IN FINLAND

1. Open University/University Extension:
University ~ Liberal adult education
2. Continuing Professional Development:
Scientific ~ Professional sphere
3. Regional Development:
University ~ Region

1. OPEN UNIVERSITY

PRINCIPLES

- Corresponds to faculty courses
- No formal educational requirements for admission
- Credits without degrees
- Pioneering ODL, IT
- Virtual OU

STUDENTS

- Especially education, social sciences and humanities (over 70%).
- 3/4 are women.
- 2/4 are 30 years or below, 1/4 between 30 and 40, 1/4 over 40 years old.
- 3/4 are secondary school graduates.

2. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

PRINCIPLES

- Great variety of courses and programs
- Non-Degree
- Multidisciplinary
- Flexible, Tailor-Made
- Course Fees, Contracts
- Intensive and extensive programmes

FOR WHOM

- Academic professionals, people training for a new profession, experts in need of research results
- More and more often arranged on demand and planned together with the organization that ordered them.
- Training for the unemployed

3. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Many universities are active in the development of learning regions.
- From 1.8.2005 the third mission is a legal task of the universities.
- The main aim is to construct "a regionally innovative milieu".
- Typically funded by European Commission.

KEYS TO SUCCESS

- Student/Customer Orientation
- Teamwork of Scientific and Professional Experts
- Continuous Quality Improvement
- Flexibility
- Mixture of Government and Private Funding

EUCEN - EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY CONTINUING EDUCATION NETWORK



- = The European Association for University Lifelong Learning
- Founded in Bristol in May 1991
- 210 members in 42 different countries
- President Michel Feutrie, Lille 1 (FR)

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EUCEN
FUTURE CONFERENCES



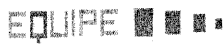
HANNOVER 29-30 November and 01 December
2007, 34th EUCEN Conference:

- The University as an International and Regional Actor – UCE for Professional Development

EDINBURGH Spring 2008

- Provisional title: Promoting active citizenship in Europe. The role of UCE/ULLL.

Other destinations planned for the future are
Netherlands, Denmark, Spain, Estonia, Romania...

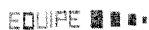


**European Quality in Individualised
Pathways in Education**

- Grundtvig 4 project in Socrates
- 2003 - 2005

▪ <http://equipe.up.pt/>

EQUIPE STEPS



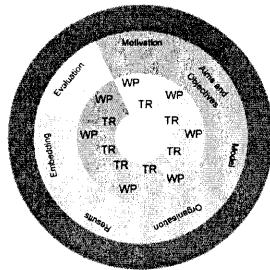
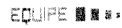
- EUCEN interaction
- Expert exchange
- EQUAL 1998 - 2000
- EUCEN Quality Task Force
- EQUIPE 2002 - 2005
- EQUIPEPlus 2005 - 2008

EQUIPE OUTCOMES

- Case Studies
- Quality links with introductions
- Expert Pool
- Consultancy Tool
- Benchmarking Tool
- EQUIPE Quality Learning Tool



QUALITY LEARNING TOOL





- Dissemination of EQUIPE
- National Quality Reports
- Universities in Grundtvig
- Indicators: examples, do's and don'ts, a set

<http://www.equipeplus.org/>

UNIVERSITY CONTINUING EDUCATION NETWORK IN FINLAND



- A cooperative organisation for the LLL institutions in Finnish Universities.
- Every Finnish university is represented in the network, usually by their UCE director.
- Founded in 1990
- Unofficial network



<http://www.dipoli.tkk.fi/uce/>

UCEF MISSION



- We regard LLL as a core activity of universities
- We aspire to lifelong learning in university level education
- We emphasize LLL in dissemination of university research and innovation
- We enhance regional, national and global policies of knowledge society
- We create models and methodologies for professional development programs with our member universities

ACTIVITIES



- Influence intensively and extensively decision-making of ULLL
- Organize current training and seminars for the membership
- Deliver information to members
- Participate in national and international development projects

CURRENT TOPICS



- UCEF received funding from Min.Ed.
- Negotiations with University Rectors' Council
- LLL strategies of universities in 2007
- Legal status & funding of ULLL
- Development plan of research and education for 2007-2012

**THE ESSENCE OF
UNIVERSITY LIFELONG
LEARNING:**

LINK TO RESEARCH
