



At the end of another very active and eventful year we would like to thank you for the interest and support we have received from all of you. Your feedback is always very positive and encouraging.

We take this occasion to wish you and your loved ones Merry Christmas and a very prosperous and successful 2012.

GUIDE Association's Secretariat

GUIDE International Conference 2011

The results in brief

The shift from a traditional teaching model to an innovative way of providing education implies the modernization of the organizational structures within institutions and the development of ICT-mediated training processes based on definite quality standards and guidelines.

The importance that quality is increasingly assuming in every aspect of higher education was at the basis of GUIDE International Conference 2011 which was held in Rome on 18-19 November 2011.

The participation to the Conference this year was the highest ever, being the event joined by around 200 participants coming from more than 50 countries.

The most significant conclusions emerged during the two-day meeting were:

- *the diffusion and adoption of e-learning at a large scale have to be promoted in a logic of Quality Assurance*
- *it is essential to approach in a holistic and quality-oriented way all components related to e-learning systems creation, production and delivery*
- *it is important to foster the use of multiuser virtual environments for enhancing learners' engagement*
- *it is fundamental to develop effective guidance and supporting services to ensure students' successful orientation and performance*

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Live again the event

Live the atmosphere of the event through the comments of participants, the several articles on the newspapers, the pictures gallery and the interesting video reports!

Go to [GUIDE Association website](#) and visit the dedicated pages!

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES WORLDWIDE

IEEE International Conference on Technology Enhanced Education

Amritapuri, Kerala, India, 3rd – 5th January 2012

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

1st International Conference on Open and Distance e-Learning

Manila, Philippines, 22th – 25th February 2012

<http://icodel.upou.edu.ph>

2012 International Conference on Education and Management Innovation(ICEMI 2012)

Singapore, Singapore, 26th – 28th February 2012

<http://www.icemi.org/index.htm>

2012 1st Journal Conference on e-Education, e-Business, e-Management and e-Learning (JCEEEE 2012 1st)

Bangkok, Thailand, 7th – 8th April 2012

<http://www.ijeeeee.org/jc4e/1st/>

European and International Calls for Proposals

This Section keeps GUIDE Members updated with the latest opportunities to participate in cooperation and research programmes.

GUIDE Project Office will offer support in the search and constitution of partnerships and in the project drawing up.

GUIDE Members are kindly invited to send their proposals and to suggest other opportunities of funding.

Warning: pay attention to the deadlines, the constitution of partnerships and the projects writing take time

Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) 2012 EAC/27/11

The Programme for Community Action in the Field of Lifelong Learning (the Lifelong Learning Programme – LLP)¹ aims to contribute through lifelong learning to the development of the EU as an advanced knowledge society, with sustainable economic development, more and better jobs and greater social cohesion. In particular, it aims to foster interchange, co-operation and mobility between education and training institutions and systems within the EU so that they may become a world quality reference.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries: the 27 Member States of the European Union, the EFTA-EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and candidate countries: Croatia, Turkey.

The main sub programmes' deadlines are as follows:

Comenius, Grundtvig: Lifelong learning: **first deadline: 16 January 2012; further deadlines:**

30 April 2012, 17 September 2012

Comenius Assistantships: **31 January 2012**

Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig: **2 February 2012**

Leonardo da Vinci: Multilateral projects for the Transfer of Innovation: **2 February 2012**

Leonardo da Vinci: Mobility; Erasmus: Intensive Language Courses (ILC): **3 February 2012**

Jean Monnet Programme: **15 February 2012**

Comenius, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig: Partnerships; Comenius: Comenius Regio

Partnerships; Grundtvig: Workshops: **21 February 2012**

Erasmus: Intensive Programmes (IP), Students mobility for studies and placements (including the Erasmus consortium placement certificate) and teaching Staff mobility: **9 March 2012**

Grundtvig: Assistantships, Senior Volunteering Projects: **30 March 2012**

Transversal Programme: Key activity 1 – Study visits: **first deadline: 30 March 2012;**
second deadline: 12 October 2012

Transversal Programme: All the other activities: **01 March 2012**

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2012/call_lifelong_learning_2012.php

EURO-MED YOUTH PROGRAMME IV ENPI SOUTH REGION EuropeAid/131261/L/ACT/PS

The global objective of this Call for Proposals is to support and strengthen the participation and contribution of youth organisations and youth from the Euro-Mediterranean region towards the development of civil society and democracy.

The specific objective (s) of this Call for Proposals is/are: to stimulate and encourage mutual understanding between young people within the Euro-Mediterranean region and to fight against stereotypes and prejudices; to promote active citizenship among young people and enhance their sense of solidarity; to contribute to the development of youth policies in the different partner countries.

Deadline: various deadlines from 1 November 2011 to 1 January 2013

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/onlineservices/index.cfm?ADSSChck=1302692885110&do=publi.detPUB&searchtype=QS&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&nbPubliList=15&page=1&aoref=131261>

Seventh Framework Programme – Cooperation – Information and Communication Technologies

The objective of this call is to improve the competitiveness of European industry and enable Europe to master and shape future developments in ICT so that the demands of its society and economy are met. ICT is at the very core of the knowledge-based society. Activities will continue to strengthen Europe's scientific and technology base and ensure its global leadership in ICT, help drive and stimulate product, service and process innovation and creativity through ICT use and value creation in Europe, and ensure that ICT progress is rapidly transformed into benefits for Europe's citizens, businesses, industry and governments. These activities will also help reduce the digital divide and social exclusion.

Deadline: 17 January 2012

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/cooperation?callIdenti#ict>

Seventh Framework Programme – Cooperation – Socio-economic sciences and Humanities

The objective is to generate an in-depth, shared understanding of complex and interrelated socio-economic challenges Europe is confronted with, such as growth, employment and competitiveness, social cohesion, social, cultural and educational challenges in an enlarged European Union, sustainability, migration and integration, quality of life and global interdependence, in particular with the view of providing an improved knowledge base for policies in the fields concerned.

Deadline: 02 February 2012

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/cooperation?callIdentifier=FP7-ENV-2012-two-stage>

Seventh Framework Programme – Capacities – Science in Society

In the terms of the 7th Framework Programme, activities in the field of Science in Society aim to "stimulate, with a view to building an open, effective and democratic European knowledgebased society, the harmonious integration of scientific and technological endeavour, and associated research policies in the European social web, by encouraging pan-European reflection and debate on science and technology and their relationship with the whole spectrum of society and culture".

Deadline: 02 February 2012

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/capacities?callIdentifi#sis>

TEMPUS IV – 5th Call for Proposals

TEMPUS is the European Union's programme which supports the modernisation of higher education in the EU's surrounding area. Tempus promotes institutional cooperation that involves the European Union and Partner Countries and focuses on the reform and modernisation of higher education systems in the Partner Countries of Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the Western Balkans and the Mediterranean region. It also aims to promote voluntary convergence of the higher education systems in the Partner Countries with EU developments in the field of higher education.

Deadline: 23 February 2012

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/funding/2011/call_eacea_25_2011_en.php

Culture Programme (2007-2013)

The Culture Programme has been established to enhance the cultural area shared by Europeans, which is based on a common cultural heritage, through the development of cooperation activities among cultural operators from eligible countries, with a view to encouraging the emergence of European citizenship. The Programme is aimed at three specific objectives: promotion of the trans-national mobility of people working in the cultural sector, support for the trans-national circulation of cultural and artistic works and products and the promotion of inter-cultural dialogue.

Deadline: 3 May 2012

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2011:247:0004:0009:EN:PDF>

Forthcoming Calls for Proposals

GUIDE Projects Office is particularly interested in drafting projects responding to the following programmes whose calls are going to shortly be released. In this respect all concerned Members are kindly invited to think about and suggest potential ideas to be developed together.

ENPI CBC MED (LLP) 2012 EAC/27/11

The multilateral cross-border cooperation "Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme" is part of the new European Neighbourhood Policy and of its financing instrument (ENPI) for the 2007-2013 period: it includes the European Union and partner countries regions placed along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. The Operational Programme establishes a strategic framework of 4 priorities jointly defined by the participating countries: promotion of socio-economic development and enhancement of territories, promotion of environmental sustainability at basin level, promotion of better conditions and modalities for ensuring the mobility of persons, goods and capitals, promotion of cultural dialogue and local governance.

<http://www.enpicbmed.eu/en/programme/>

The next call should be launched by the end of December 2011

FP7 - IST-Africa Initiative

The ICT priority of FP7 is fully open to international cooperation with the aim to join forces for addressing major challenges where significant added value is expected to be gained from worldwide R&D cooperation. In this context, the European Commission co-funded the IST-Africa Initiative as a Specific Support Action (IST-Africa 2010 – 2011) in order to promote research cooperation between European and African organizations under FP7-ICT, raise awareness of opportunities to participate in the FP7 ICT Research Theme in Africa and promote and support the inclusion of African research organizations as partners in FP7-ICT proposals.

<http://www.ist-africa.org/home>

The next call should be launched by January 2012

ALFA Programme

ALFA is a programme of co-operation between Higher Education Institutions of the European Union and Latin America. Its primary objective is The Programme's general objective is to contribute to the development of the higher education in Latin America through cooperation between the EU and the countries of Latin America, as a means of contributing to the economic and social development of the region in general and the more balanced and equitable development of Latin-American society in particular.

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/alfa/index_en.htm

The next call should be launched by February 2012

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