GUIDE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2011

“E-learning innovative models for the integration of education, technology and research”
18 - 19 November 2011, Università degli Studi “Guglielmo Marconi”, Rome - Italy

GUIDE is pleased to announce its 5th international meeting organized by the Association in collaboration with the Università degli Studi “Guglielmo Marconi”. The event will be held in Rome on 18-19 November and will focus on current conditions and future trends in the e-learning sector. In this context particular attention will be paid to quality assurance in the online environment, fostering the exchange of best practices, knowledge and experiences. The conference will also focus on the e-evaluation, e-assessment and self-assessment process that enable both teachers and students to assess the ongoing acquisition of knowledge as well as to build flexible learning paths.

The Conference will approach the following topics:

- E-learning quality standards: update research, best cases and experiences
- Instructional design: how to effectively combine technology and pedagogy
- Simulations and multi-user virtual environment (MUVE)
- Assessment, evaluation and self-assessment systems in distance education
- Guidance services and e-portfolio supporting e-learning quality

The 5th GUIDE International conference will bring together e-learning experts and professionals in a multicultural environment to share best practices and experiences in academic research and practical applications.

Everyone interested in submitting a proposal is kindly requested to complete and submit the Participation Form available on the conference website at http://www.guideassociation.org/guide_2011/en/?page_id=29

Abstract Submission deadline: 3rd June 2011

Further information about the event can be found at the conference website.
European and International Calls for Proposals

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

The GUIDE Operative 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.

Warning: keep an eye on deadlines, the constitution of partnership and the projects writing take time.

The Europe for Citizens programme aims to bring people from different parts of Europe together in order to promote mutual understanding, a sense of ownership of the European Union and the emergence of a European identity to complement local and regional ones.

The general objectives of the Europe for Citizens Programme are to contribute to:
- giving citizens the opportunity to interact and participate in constructing an ever closer Europe, which is democratic and world-oriented, united in and enriched through its cultural diversity, thus developing citizenship of the European Union;
- developing a sense of European identity, based on common values, history and culture;
- fostering a sense of ownership of the European Union among its citizens;
- enhancing tolerance and mutual understanding between European citizens respecting and promoting cultural and linguistic diversity, while contributing to intercultural dialogue.

In order to achieve its objectives, the Europe for Citizens Programme proposes four actions:
It funds and supports different kind of activities:
Action 1. - Active citizens for Europe
Action 2. - Active Civil Society in Europe
Action 3. - Together for Europe
Action 4. – Active European Remembrance

Deadline: various deadlines from 15 February 2011 to 15 October 2011

UE-Canada Programme, Bilateral cooperation – EACEA/37/10
The general objectives of the programme and of this Call are to promote mutual understanding between the peoples of the European Union and Canada including broader knowledge of their languages, cultures and institutions and to improve the quality of human resources in the European Union and Canada. Submission of grant requests under this call is open to higher education institutions and vocational education and training institutions. Eligible applicants must be established in one of the 27 Member States of the European Union. Each project must have one lead institution in the EU and one lead institution in Canada, responsible for submitting the common proposal and for the management of the project. These lead institutions must be higher education or training institutions. The consortium must be composed of at least four institutions in total — i.e. two from the EU and two from Canada. These institutions may be either higher education or training institutions, as defined above, or a mixture of both, depending on the project. There is also a requirement that the institutions have to be from two different Member States of the EU and two different Canadian provinces/territories.

Deadline: 31 March 2011
Youth in Action 2007-2013 – EAC/57/10

Youth in Action is the Programme the European Union has set up for young people. It aims to inspire a sense of active European citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among young Europeans and to involve them in shaping the Union's future.

Its general objectives are the following:
- Promote young people’s active citizenship in general and their European citizenship in particular
- Develop solidarity and promote tolerance among young people, in particular in order to foster social cohesion in the European Union
- Foster mutual understanding between young people in different countries
- Contribute to developing the quality of support systems for youth activities and the capabilities of civil society organisations in the youth field
- Promote European cooperation in the youth field

In order to achieve its objectives, the Youth in Action Programme foresees five operational Actions:
- Action 1 - Youth for Europe
- Action 2 - European Voluntary Service
- Action 3 - Youth in the World
- Action 4 - Youth Support Systems
- Action 5 - Support for European cooperation in the youth field

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries: the 27 Member States of the European Union (as of 1 January 2007), the EFTA-EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and candidate countries: Turkey.

Deadline: various deadlines from 1 April 2011 to 1 November 2011

Erasmus Mundus Programme II EACEA/41/10

Erasmus Mundus is a cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education that aims to enhance the quality of European higher education and to promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with Third-Countries. In addition, it contributes to the development of human resources and the international cooperation capacity of Higher education institutions in third countries by increasing mobility between the European Union and these countries.

This Call for Proposals aims to support projects under all three Actions of the programme:
- Action 1: Joint Programmes
- Action 2: Partnerships
- Action 3: Promotion of European higher education

Deadline: 29 April 2011

Strand 1.3.5: Cooperation projects with third countries – Mexico

Strand 1.3.5 seeks to support cultural cooperation projects aimed at cultural exchanges between the countries taking part in the Programme and Third Countries, which have concluded association or cooperation agreements with the EU. Every year one or more Third Country(ies) is/are selected for that particular year. The country indicated for the year 2011 is Mexico. The action must generate a concrete international cooperation dimension. The cooperation projects involve at least three cultural operators, from at least three countries taking part in the Programme and cultural cooperation with at least one organisation from the selected Third Country and involve cultural activities carried out in the selected Third Country.

Deadline: 03 May 2011
Intra-ACP Academic Mobility Scheme
The intra-ACP academic mobility scheme promotes cooperation between higher education institutions (HEIs) and supports mobility in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP) regions. The programme aims to increase access to quality education that will encourage and enable ACP students to undertake postgraduate studies, and to promote student retention in the region along with mobility of staff (academic and administrative), while increasing the competitiveness and attractiveness of the institutions themselves.
The intra-ACP academic mobility scheme provides support to:
- higher education institutions to set up inter-institutional cooperation partnerships between universities from different countries within the ACP regions;
- individual students, researchers and university staff to spend a study / research / teaching period in the context of one of the above mentioned cooperation partnerships;

Deadline: 06 May 2011

DRAFT ICT PSP Work Programme 2011
The ICT PSP supports the realisation of European policies and in particular the Digital agenda for Europe and is aligned with its priorities. It aims at stimulating smart sustainable and inclusive growth by accelerating the wider uptake and best use of innovative digital technologies and content by citizens, governments and businesses.
The WP 2011 focuses on 5 themes:
- ICT for a low carbon economy and smart mobility
- Digital Content
- ICT for health, ageing well  and inclusion
- Innovative government and public services
- Open innovation for Internet-enabled services

Deadline: TBA

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