**Conclusions network conference Saturday Oct 9th 2016, Vienna**

(by Hans Vanhulle)

1. ,TOPIC Erasmus+

Hans presents the possibilities, opportunities and critical points of KA 1 and KA 2

* As to the partnerships in KA2 the meeting decides that it is up to the individual initiative of partner schools whether to apply for a bid or not; = status quo present situation (cf. LIFE & YEL); the annual conferences can be used to set up projects and find partners for them
* As to the transformation of the steering committee into a legal body to be able to organise courses for the annual conference of the network within the framework of KA1, the meeting takes note that this construction is too artificial and would generate too much work load
* As to the alternative of making an agreement with a course provider, such as EUNEOS & Ludo Mateusen, the meeting concludes that this construction is too much of a straitjacket, which leaves too little freedom for the hosting school and the network; it is quite easy for individual member schools of the network to apply for KA1 and thus get money, but it seems quite impossible to find common course topics that are a priority in all countries; the meeting advises individual schools to make use of KA1, if they want to
* All present schools commit themselves to do everything possible to continue the network by taking part in the annual conference, hosted by one of the partner schools (low budget) and inviting (at least) 2 students apart from the -(head) teachers and correspondents

1. TOPIC Steering Committee

On behalf of the SC Hans proposes 3 options for the future organisation of the network, taking into account that the present SC will be resigning at the latest within a period of 2 years, preferably not all at once, and therefore starting with at least a new chair(wo)man next annual conference:

1. Continuation of the present SC structure of president, secretary and treasurer
2. A general secretary with a number of rotating advisers (head/ correspondent hosting school, expert members, …)
3. A committee of 2, sharing the tasks

The meeting decides:

* Not to keep the present SC structure
* To look for a combination between option 2 and 3, including an IT-manager who integrates the latest applications in the management of the network
* To look for candidates and nominate them to the present SC in the weeks and months to come, offering also absent members to consider their candidacy
* To hold elections next year in Žilina
* To look for a gender balance
* To set up a communication platform as of now to share thoughts and ideas

1. Further decisions and points of discussion: (by Georg Latzke)

* The summary of the “Refugee students” topic – done by Leenderd – will be sent to the schools and they decide to send it further (e.g. Board of Education, School Inspectors…)
* Very positive feedback to the Zaragoza Conference. GS will send out the results of the evaluation in detail.
* Leenderd presents the financial statement by October 4th, 2016. Expenses were travel costs (GS) and a financial support for Greece. Balance: 5539,57 € (Every participant got the balance in paper)
* Georg informs about the latest Network statistics: All in all we have 20 schools; 17 were represented in Vienna; Hungary showed interest in further participation; Ireland couldn’t come and Wales avoids contact.
* Georg reminds the schools that it is possible to apply for a financial support for conference costs. (Criteria: no funding; long distance travel; school in difficult financial situation)
* Georg asks to look into our WEB-site and send articles to Koen for posting. He asks the responsible schools for LIFE and YEL to send Koen an updated report of the projects (plus fotos). Also information about the Zilina Conference 2017 should be put on the WEB site.
* The lists of schools and their representatives in the Network were updated and will be sent out by the GS
* Next Network Conferences:
  + 2017: Gymnázium bilingválne; Zilina, SK; Date: October 4th – 8th, 2017. 2 teachers, 2 students (in host families); Costs: 350,00€ single room. Location: Terchova. Topic: Public speaking and negotiation
  + 2018: Institut de la Providence de Champion; Champion, BE

Date: October **10th – 14th**, 2018; VIP Conference (Vision Innovative Paedagogic); details will follow.

* 2019: Lycée Michel-Rodange; Luxembourg Ville, LU. Details will follow
* Hans announces his retreat from the position of the Network president.

Vienna, October 19th, 2016 Georg Latzke, G.S.