**Summary of evaluation survey of ETHOS Conference in Luxemburg, 7 - 11 May 2014**

1. Preparation and information

92% of the respondents felt that they were adequately informed before the conference about the aim and structure of the meeting (including the ‘homework’ they were supposed to do). However, some felt the homework was too demanding, too much work. Also, the instructions were not always very clear.

1. Organisation of the conference

79% of the respondents was of the opinion that the conference was organized very well, 21% felt that it was organized well. One participant wrote: ‘I thought that the organisation was absolutely excellent, well done to Sandra and her team.’ A few others wrote that ‘we definitely need more time and space during the conference for network matters, for mutual discussions and for sharing ideas.’ Not everybody was happy with the lecture on sociology.

1. Were your expectations met?

83% of the respondents said that their expectations were fully met. Those whose expectations were not fully met, made several observations:

* We are not really concerned with the topic.
* Lack of time for sharing best practices
* Lack of time for discussing the future of the network.
1. How interesting/useful were the different parts of the programme?

In the annex it can be seen that the parts of the programme which were considered most useful/interesting were the opening and closing ceremonies, the presentation on challenges and opportunities facing the network, the dinner at the Possenhaus restaurant, the discussion on the future of the network, proposals for the future of the network and its management, the visit to Utopolis, the guided city tour, the visit to ‘the Day of Europe’ and the briefing on the conference in Denmark.

The parts of the programme which were considered least useful/interesting are the presentation of best practices migration matters and the ‘table ronde’ on European identity(‘too long’) .

Many compliments were made to the organizing school. A few quotes:

* ‘It was a fantastic opening ceremony, I think the best I have seen . A really good mix of nice relevant and short speeches, and a lot of fabulous entertainment from very good students’
* ‘The students of the Luxemburg school did a great job.’
* ‘The tour around the school was very interesting and well done by the students.’
1. Inspiration

The participants were asked to outline, in not more than two sentences, something from the presentations at this conference that may lead to some changes in practice and policy at their own schools.

Many interesting answers were given. Again, a few quotes:

* The discussion about migrants which included guest speakers would be very useful.
* We are going to try to get our students to do class presentations across all subjects next year to improve confidence and presentation skills.
We have recommended to management that a English Language teacher be specifically employed for even an hour a week to work with non-native English speaking pupils.
* It appears now obvious that the greatest challenge for an immigrate is the language. I think that we have to be more tolerant about that...
* We could have more dissemination of our activities and projects in our school, as it was done in Luxembourg.
* As our school does not have experience with immigrants, I do not think anything will change. But still, I found all the presentations very interesting.
* the students´awareness about the immigration problems/ challenges will result in an open discussion in class with the whole group.
* Take care of all migrants when they arrive at school.
* New ideas how our network can work in the future. Concrete plans for exchanges and masterclasses.
1. Do you have any suggestions to improve the programme in the future?

Some suggestions also made for future conferences:

* More time for the working groups, less time for sightseeing
* We need more time to plan activities and exchanges with partners because we meet each other only two times per year
* It would be better if the program included more interactive events.
* The way it was clear for everybody in the farewell ceremony in Luxemburg what the student workshops were all about is something very positive and to maintain in the future.
* If we come together we need time to discuss network issues and do our speed dating as well as work on the topic we have.
* As the conditions (out of Erasmus+) changed a lot, we will have to put the focus on to future partnerships within the partnership.
* More work in smaller groups and a bit less of plenary sessions, more concrete work in smaller groups.

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