



ETUCE Project European eLearning Forum for Education 2 – ELFE 2

Draft minutes

5th Steering Committee meeting
Copenhagen, 25 June 2009, 10.30-17.00
Gymansieskolernes Laererforening, GL Headquarters, Denmark

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Present:

Trade union members:

Hans Laugesen, GL, Denmark - ELFE 2 Project Coordinator
Ilze Trapenciere, LIZDA, Latvia
Sandi Modrijan, ESTUS, Slovenia
Dorota Obidniak, ZNP, Poland
Karen Robinson, NUT, UK

Project experts and evaluator:

Ulf Fedriksson, Senior Lecturer in Education at Mid Sweden University, Sweden - ELFE 2 pedagogical expert
Elzbieta Gajek-Kawecka, Associate Professor at the Institute of Applied Linguistics, Warsaw University, Poland - ELFE 2 pedagogical expert
Gunilla Jedeskog, Associate Professor at Linköping University, Sweden - ELFE 2 External evaluator

ETUCE Secretariat:

Iva Obretenova, ETUCE Policy Coordinator, Belgium
Susan Flocken, ETUCE Policy Assistant, Belgium

1. Approval of the agenda and of the 4th SC meeting minutes

The agenda for the meeting and the minutes from the 4th Steering Committee meeting have been adopted.

2. Discussion on the final project report

Ela Gajek and Ulf Fredriksson underlined that they have tried to keep the report general. The findings show that ICT is mainly used to support traditional teaching and no innovative use of ICT can be reported. ICT is used more frequently in schools and to a lesser extent in the Teacher Education Institutions.

Ela Gajek and Ulf Fredriksson will:

- write an abstract (200 words) for the ELFE2 website
- check the use of the terminology of “new and old teachers” vs. “young and old teachers” and gender issues in the report to avoid any misunderstanding

concerning any possible discrimination in the text by the readers and at the same time to reflect the opinion of the interviewees.

- explain terminology such as “triangulation”, “netiquette”, Web2.0, 21st century competences etc.
- change page 5 1) should read: The teacher education institutions had to provide pre-service education for teachers.
- check hardware/software distinction in the text

Moreover, the term “head teacher” should be used instead of “principal”. Susan Flocken will check this in the final report and in the policy recommendations.

All SCM members have to send any changes on the final project report to Ela Gajek and Ulf Fredriksson by 15 July 2009 for implementation.

The ETUCE Secretariat is responsible for the layout and introduction part. A foreward by Martin Rømer should be included in the report.

3. Discussion on the policy recommendations report

The SCM appreciates the paragraph mentioning the OECD TALIS 2008 and PISA study. It has been decided to structure the recommendations in headers followed by a reduced number of bullet points (see attachment). The SCM has agreed on Gunilla Jedeskog’s keywords: Innovation, Co-operation, Variation, Dissemination, and Evaluation to be used in the headings.

Moreover, recommendations should be added for teacher education institutions and for the ETUCE and include the gender issue. The ELFE 1 recommendations should be included in an annex. The top-down perspective has to be changed, e.g. with phrases such as “It is worth considering...” Hans Laugesen will adapt the recommendation report and send it to the SCM by 3 July 2009.

The two experts have suggested to launch a follow-up project which should examine teacher education and ICT.

4. Discussion on the final project Conference – aims and practical developments

The Agenda for the Final Conference has been accepted, the last point reading “Discussion of the Recommendations” and a 10 minute closure speech by Martin Rømer.

All the keynote speakers have accepted the invitation. The ETUCE is working still on the presence of Mrs. G. Van den Brande from the Commission. For the pre-event on 13 September 2009 representatives from the Dutch teacher union AOB and the Danish schools have agreed to give a presentation. Karen Robinson will inform the ETUCE secretariat by 9 July 2009 on the participation of the NUT. Dorota Obidniak will do likewise for the Polish schools. The Latvian school Auce and the Slovenian school Upper-Secondary School of Electrical and Computer Engineering will also attend the pre-event as well as the Polish Education Institution. The short presentations should not be longer than 10 Minutes.

The participants will be split into three working groups according to language needs.

First Working Group Session: The groups will be chaired by 3 teacher unionists and Steering Committee members with a rapporteur chosen in advance from the participants. In the first session the policy recommendations will be discussed. All groups will discuss all recommendations. Each group will however, start with a

different section: Group 1 recommendations for Teachers and Teacher Education Institutions, Group 2 recommendations for School Leadership and Local and National School Authorities and Group 3 recommendations for Teacher Unions, ETUCE, European Commission and other international organisations.

Second Working Group Session: The second session will be based on short questions prepared by Hans Laugesen on the practical experience the trade unions have on implementing the policy recommendations, what solutions the unions can provide to apply the policy recommendations, whether they have used the ELFE1 recommendations and challenges where the unions have been successful in implementing the recommendations. Each group has to produce three key points to present on a wall for the other participants to discuss during the coffee break. The chairpersons will be Mr. Plomb, Mr. Moonen and a TU participant and rapporteurs from the participants.

Concerning the 10 voting questions to be prepared by Hans Laugesen and the ETUCE secretariat, five questions will be asked after lunch, 2 before the first working group session and three afterwards. The first set of questions should be short, e.g. "How often do you work with ICT? How much training have you had in ICT?"

The questions before and after the working group session should concern the recommendations.

5. Second and third internal evaluation report

The second internal evaluation report has been accepted with the correction of the second paragraph by Hans Laugesen. The third Internal Evaluation Report will be written by Dorota Obidniak and comprises the period from the 5th Steering Committee meeting to the Final conference.

6. Final project brochure on outcomes

This 30-page brochure will be compiled by the ETUCE secretariat on the findings and publications produce in this project to be distributed in the member organisations.

7. Presentation of the next meeting – purpose and objectives.

The next project SC meeting will take place in Bled on 15 September 2009, 15:00-18:30 to discuss the follow-up and the changes in the policy recommendation report. ETUCE Secretariat will take care of the practical arrangements around this meeting and will inform SC members in due time.