

Funding

- The Thematic Conference is listed in the **Comenius-Grundtvig** database, reference number: **NL-2010-197-001**
Contact your National Agency for more information. Please note that **the deadline** for applying for funding from **the Comenius-Grundtvig database is September 15th!**
- For the **Preparatory Visit (for Vocational Education Trainers)**:
apply for mobility funding through the **Leonardo da Vinci** program. Contact your National Agency for more information.

See the following link for list of National Agencies:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc1208_en.htm

Information and registration:

info@youngstersinthedriversseat.eu

Organisers:

Provincie Noord-Brabant

The Province of Noord-Brabant is hosting the conference.



"Youngsters in the driver's seat for local sustainable development" is a thematic conference within the LLP Comenius project "SUPPORT", organised by the Dutch SUPPORT partner Codename Future.

Support
Partnership and Participation
For a Sustainable Tomorrow



ENSI (Environment and School Initiatives) took the initiative for the Preparatory Visit for Vocational Education Trainers.

The Dutch Program "Learning for Sustainable Development" is also supporting the event.



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"Youngsters in the driver's seat for local sustainable development"

February 7th-11th, 2010, Noord-Brabant, The Netherlands
A SUPPORT-project thematic conference

"I think it is an exciting experience to be a European sustainable development advisor during some days in the Netherlands. It will be a lifelong experience."

(Student)

"This event in Holland will give me new strong ESD tools for my teaching back home"

(Teacher)

"Working on local cases together with students, teachers and business will make my work experience richer."

(Local authority member)

www.youngstersinthedriversseat.eu

General information

Conference language

English

Target groups and aims

- **Pupils from primary/lower secondary schools, secondary schools and vocational training schools (pupils age 15-19)-**
Will learn how they can be active participants in local sustainable development
- **Teachers and headmasters/school managers**
Will learn about education for sustainable development (ESD) methods involving partnership and participation in real local sustainability issues
- **Sustainability partners such as NGOs related to sustainable development, members from local and regional authorities and businesses- or other local actors for sustainable development**
Will learn about partnering with youths and schools to create sustainable development in their communities.

Case study instruments

"Triple P" is a tool for investigating cases or problems, taking into account social, economic and environmental aspects of sustainability. The three Ps stand for People, Planet and Profit. The "Triple P" tool will be related to the concept of "MGA" (Mutual Gains Approach), a negotiation tool used to reach better decisions.

The Province of Noord-Brabant uses MGA in its sustainability work and has worked with the "Triple P"-method to involve the youth. The Province of Noord-Brabant is providing the local cases for the case studies.

Organisation

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The conference is organised by the Dutch SUPPORT partner **Codename Future**.

The Province of Noord-Brabant is hosting the conference.

ENSI (Environment and Schools Initiative) took the initiative of the preparatory visit for Vocational Education Trainers.

See: www.youngstersinthedrivesset.eu or support-edu.org for more information.

Preparatory Visit Vocational Training teachers

Preparatory visits are meeting arenas for potential partners seeking to develop partnerships, multilateral projects, networks or to plan for extending activities of existing projects. The Preparatory Visit is organized on initiative of ENSI (Environment and School Initiatives) to provide a networking arena for VET professionals to form networks and strengthen the role of ESD within vocational training. The meeting will be officially published as a Leonardo da Vinci training.

Sunday Feb 7th

- Arrival and informal welcome dinner in the hotel
- After dinner: PREPARATORY meeting
 - introduction/welcome by Willy Sleurs (Belgium – ENSI)
 - outline of the Triple P concept by Ernest van Hezik (The Netherlands – SUPPORT)

Monday Feb 8th

- See general program
- After dinner: PREPARATORY meeting: orientation on possible partner projects

Tuesday Feb 9th

- Am: PREPARATORY meeting: finalizing partnerships for call 2010
- Lunch at the hotel
- Departure

VOCATIONAL TRAINERS

Total package-price - Spreuwel shared room € 430,00

Total package-price - Spreuwel single room € 495,00

Included in package-price

3 days / 2 nights hotel room incl. breakfast and tourist tax

All meals including drinks

Use of meeting rooms incl coffee/tea/water for all preparatory meetings

General conference meetings at province house

Visits to the local cases

Organisation-, conference- & training fee

Local taxes and VAT

Not included in package price

Transportation to and from the Netherlands, arrival- and departure transfer, travel insurance

Extended stay: rates upon request at organisation@youngstersinthedrivesset.eu

Cost to be paid by participants

Several meals and other costs are kindly provided by local hosts. Below you find the prices covering all remaining costs, listed for each participant category. In the package price all overnights, meals, excursions, conference meetings and local transportation is included.

PUPILS	
Total package-price - chalet double rooms – per person	€ 395,00
All inclusive package-price including:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 days / 4 nights accommodation, incl. breakfast and tourist tax • all meals including drinks • all conference fees and costs for full participation in the program for pupils, including two excursions for pupils 	
Not included in package-price:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transportation to and from the Netherlands, arrival- and departure transfer to the venue, travel insurance 	

TEACHERS, TEACHER TRAINERS AND OTHER SCHOOL STAFF	
Total package-price - chalet double rooms	€ 595,00
Total package-price - chalet single rooms	€ 695,00
Total package-price - Hampshire Inn shared room	€ 725,00
Total package-price - Hampshire Inn single room	€ 895,00
All inclusive package-price, including:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 days / 4 nights accommodation, incl. breakfast • all meals, including drinks and all coffea/tea breaks • all conference fees and training costs, including all facilitation and guidance, course materials and all activities in the program as well as access to the “teachers’ lounge” 	
Not included in package-price:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transportation to and from the Netherlands, arrival- and departure transfer to the venue, travel insurance 	

LOCAL AUTHORITY STAFF, NGOs AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS	
Total package-price - chalet double rooms	€ 550,00
Total package-price - chalet single rooms	€ 650,00
Total package-price - Spreeuwel shared room	€ 640,00
Total package-price - Spreeuwel single room	€ 770,00
Total package-price - Hampshire Inn shared room	€ 680,00
Total package-price - Hampshire Inn single room	€ 850,00
All inclusive package-price including:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 days / 4 nights accommodation, incl. breakfast and tourist tax • all meals, including drinks and and all coffea/tea breaks • all conference fees, including all facilitation and activities in the program and facilitation for exchange of experiences using reflective methods 	
Not included in package-price:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transportation to and from the Netherlands, arrival- and departure transfer to the venue, travel insurance 	

General Conference Program

Sunday Feb. 7th

- Arrival of international participants
- Teacher workshop: how to use Triple P and reflection of other practical pedagogical research instruments in other EU countries
- Dinner
- Continuing workshop for teachers

Monday Feb. 8th

- Arrival of Dutch participants
- Welcome drink in the Province House
- Short training for all the participants and logbook instruction
- Formal opening of the conference with young keynote speakers
- Lunch and social meeting in 20-mixed group of pupils, teachers, SUPPORT–project members and conference participants from local authorities: sharing experiences on sustainable development.
- Orientation visits to the 20 - 25 local cases in the province of Noord-Brabant
- Briefing from case-stakeholder about the cases and the concept (Triple P and MGA).
- Dinner hosted by the hosts of the local cases
- Debriefing for teachers and logbook report

Tuesday Feb. 9th

- Full day visit to the local cases and final presentations of the findings and advises to the local authorities hosting the case
- During the day some time-outs
- Lunch hosted by hosts of the local case
- In the early evening: presentation to the local authorities and dinner
- Debriefing for teachers and logbook report
- Future Festival back at the main venue

Wednesday Feb. 10th

- Get-together at a local school: Pupils and teachers meet country-wise for reflection and future steps back home
- Lunch: roundtable discussion with pupils on 5 issues related to ESD
- Formal closure of the conference for the youth with special event-movie
- Teacher training workshop: sustainable development tools in education
- Excursion for the pupils
- Cultural evening program

Thursday Feb. 11th

- Teacher training: conclusions and deliverables for back home
- Outdoor program for the pupils
- Lunch
- Departure

Case studies

Conference participants will be sustainable development advisors for three days. Everyone will get to experience using the decision making tool “Triple P” (linked to the “Mutual Gains Approach”), working on real cases in the region of Noord-Brabant. The “Triple P” concept is a step-by-step tool for making sure that both socio-cultural and environmental as well as economic aspects are taken into consideration when analyzing a case and suggesting solutions to a problem of any kind. The three Ps are thus People, Planet and Profit.

Conference participants (pupils, teachers, teacher trainers, policy makers and civil servants from municipalities or other local authorities across Europe) will work in mixed groups of 20 persons. Examples of cases are new highways, water projects, green roofs, expanding skateparks and AIDS-guidance. Each group will be accompanied by a Dutch teacher training student who will facilitate the process. There will also be a host/-ess looking after the group members during the days.

Day one (Sunday)

Introduction for teachers to the Triple P concept and reflection of other practical pedagogical research instruments in other countries.

Day two (Monday)

A short “Triple P” instruction for pupils. Then, the mixed groups of pupils, teachers and municipality staff make the first visit to each group's case where they get a briefing on the case. Each group decides which of the three Ps that will be their “entrance” to the sustainability analysis.

Day 3 (Tuesday)

The groups will go through a step by step process to relate the findings of their first P to the other two Ps. Video clips and pictures are used to visualize the findings. The groups analyze the situation and possibilities for improvement, taking all three Ps into consideration. They discuss the necessity to invite stakeholders involved in the case. In the evening, the pupils will present their visualized advice to the local municipality.

Day 4 (Wednesday)

On the fourth day, pupils and teachers will come together country- or language-wise. This allows them to share, reflect and talk about the experiences in their own language. The objective of this session is to talk about what they have learned and share ideas on what they can bring home.

Day 5 (Thursday)

On day five, teachers will have an extended program about successful ESD concepts and possibilities for follow up back home. The focus will be on how to make use of the experiences and on how to implement the learning outcomes from the conference back home.

About the area and the accommodation facilities

Noord-Brabant

Princes and counts had good reason for holding court beneath the major rivers, which you'll notice as soon as you spend some time in the Brabant countryside. The beautiful landscape teems with variety: woods, moorland, fields and glades.

Big cities such as Den Bosch, Breda, Tilburg and Eindhoven will captivate you with great historical buildings dated in the 13th century as well as modern architecture. The people live here differently too, as the Burgundian lifestyle has never disappeared from the area. You can't help but feel their hospitality, warmth and joy-of-life.



Land of the Hilver

Feel welcome in the southern part of the province of Noord-Brabant: The Land of the Hilver! In a scenery that's so typical for this part of the country, with beautiful nature, nice little villages and typical farms, in between the cities of Eindhoven and Tilburg.

Landal Duc de Brabant

This hospitable chalet-park is located in a very varied landscape in the southern part of Noord-Brabant and will be almost exclusively rented for accommodating the participants of the conference.



Hampshire Inn

This small charming hotel is located at the chalet-park and has comfortable and stylishly decorated rooms.

De Spreeuwel

Situated directly next to the chalet-park is the conference-hotel De Spreeuwel (pronounce 'spra-well'). The place is surrounded by woods, heath and natural pools and some rural farmland.

