EcoMedia Metal Congress Austria
Wolfsberg 2016

7th – 11th November 2016
Next standards in education in vocational school

11th Thematic ecoMEDiA Conference Romania
City of Iasi 2016

28th Nov – 2nd Dec, 2016
Innovative strategies in educational activities

Co-hosts in Romania will be:

• Ministry of National Education Street Gen. Berthelot nr 28-30, Sector 1, Bucharest; www.edu.ro
• L. I. Cuza, Universitat Iasi Faculty of Computer Science. – www.uaic.ro
• College Costache Negruzzi.
• School Inspectorate of Neamt County
• County School Inspectorate of Iasi, www.isjiasi.ro

The conference will be held in Iasi, Romania, known as the Cultural Capital of Romania. The city is also a candidate to become, in 2021, the European Capital of Culture.

All Information: www.ecomedia-europe.net
Dear friends of European educational cooperation

The European educational network “EcoMedia Europe” has been working on themes like digital learning, “new information- and communication techniques” (ICT) in the field of education with focus on the new European school since 10 years.

The cooperation between different educational institutions such as universities, pedagogical academies, school authorities and schools has turned out to be a massive success. The exchange of know-how with national partners of 26 countries and the cooperation with 5.000 schools as associated partners in Europe functions with the help of international EcoMedia events where the focus lies on teacher trainings. In 2013, the EcoMedia Metal Congress for CNC technology took place at Wolfsberg (AT). There, particular attention was paid to vocational training and dual education.

The Austrian duo “Education Lavanttal”, who is responsible for the project management, together with “Da-nube University of Krems” near Vienna has been a very successful “tandem” since many years. The change of the EU mobility programme to ERASMUS+, the aims of the European Union in the field of education are supported.

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**ecoMedia Congress Switzerland**

**Rorschach 2016**

“Digital Media in kindergarten and preschool”

16th – 19th October 2016

PHSG in Rorschach, Hochschulgebäude Stella Maris

**Target group:** preschool & kindergarten teachers, media educators, education authorities of participation countries, ecoMedia members; PHSG-Students (Diplomtyp A), preschool & kindergarten teachers, media educators of Switzerland

Information: www.ecomediaswitzerland.com

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**What are the aims of ERASMUS+ in the school sector?**

ERASMUS+ supports the aims of the EU2020 strategy for growth, more jobs, social justice and integration. The most important aims in the school sector are as following:

- Reducing the rates of early school leaving below 10%
- Improvement of key competences necessary for job market and society
- Strengthening of professional competences of teaching staff and school principals
- Participation and improvement of quality of early childhood care and education

These requirements will be discussed among educational specialists from 26 countries at the thematic EcoMedia Conference. There best practise examples from European countries will be presented as well as international know-how exchange will be happening.

Website: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en

Erasmus plus KA1 Teacher-training application deadline: 2th February 2016
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The main thematic areas of the network are focusing on the strategic development of ICT and new media in education.

MAIN OBJECTIVES
- Building up specific know-how about the different European ICT strategies in education on all levels as the use of ICT for training and teaching varies widely.
- Exchange of experiences as European education methodology in combination with ICT use is quite varied. Exchange of experience will mainly be gained at international conferences and workshops.
- Taylor cut transfer of knowledge to balance lack of know-how and different standards in various countries, requirement of ICT use for education and training is significant.
- Promotion of all forms of innovation in the ICT based school education. The objective is to render available contents for ICT based education and to create a learning community for teachers and students.

MAIN ACTIVITIES and TYPE of ACTIVITIES
- development of “good practices projects” related to ICT Co-omenius projects
- research on the state of art within the thematic network area via three working groups
- improvement of educational systems (strategic development with new concept and measures)
- to act as European information point and development of new co-operations
- improving standards of educational policies as well as skills and knowledge of educational staff

EXPECTED IMPACT
For the on-going changes of media areas we need modern and modified strategic measures for further development and training on a European level. Presently there are no realistic concepts for a European visible strategy, all strategies are based on pilot projects and individual initiatives. EcoMedia-Europe should lead to:

- experience from previous projects should be used effectively. EcoMedia Europe would like and has the knowledge to develop a common strategy of various measures and individual initiatives
- try to keep costs to a minimum for schools in the expensive IT sector with new developed concepts and strategies
- improving the standard of current and future COMENIUS projects within the thematic area
- more teacher are to motivated to use ICT tools in education, qualitative use of ICT is to be increased (for example, language learning via ICT, eLearning in various subjects)
- teachers and students are to be familiarized with opportunities to use SchoolNets
- intercultural dialogue between schools should be fostered and a balanced diversity of languages should be promoted