

# Lifelong Learning Programme *Info Days*

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## LEONARDO DA VINCI Policy and Content





## Who was Leonardo da Vinci?



Leonardo da Vinci  
1452-1519  
Italian scientist,  
inventor & artist  
'Renaissance Man'



## Leonardo da Vinci Specific Objectives

- Is a Community programme to promote cooperation in vocational education and training.
- Aims at:
  - Supporting participants in training activities in the acquisition and use of knowledge, skills and qualifications to facilitate personal development, employability and labour market participation
  - Supporting improvements in quality and innovation in VET systems, institutions and practices
  - Enhancing the attractiveness of VET and mobility for employers and individuals and facilitating the mobility of working trainees





## Leonardo da Vinci Operational Objectives

- a) Improve quality and increase volume of mobility throughout Europe of people involved in initial vocational education and training and in continuing training so as to increase placements in enterprises to at least 80 000 per year
- b) Improve quality and increase volume of cooperation between institutions or organisations providing learning opportunities, enterprises, social partners and other relevant bodies throughout Europe
- c) Facilitate innovative practices development in vocational education and training, other than at tertiary level, and their transfer even between participating countries





## Leonardo da Vinci Operational Objectives - cont'd

- d) Improve transparency and recognition of qualifications and competences, including those acquired through non-formal and informal learning
- e) Encourage the learning of modern foreign languages
- f) Support the development of innovative ICT-based content, services, pedagogies and practice for lifelong learning





## Leonardo da Vinci

| Actions  | Centralised Management | Decentralised Management          |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mobility   |                        | National Agencies in each country |
| Partnerships   |                        | National Agencies in each country |
| (1) Multilateral projects on development of innovation | Executive Agency       |                                   |
| Multilateral projects on transfer of innovation        |                        | National Agencies in each country |
| (2) Thematic networks                                  | Executive Agency       |                                   |
| (3) Accompanying measures                              | Executive Agency       |                                   |





## Leonardo da Vinci (1) Development of Innovation

| Multilateral projects | Development of innovation   | Transfer of innovation   |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| CONTENT               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a <u>brand new solution</u> for several countries</li> <li>• with a <u>common challenge</u></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing <u>brand new solution/s</u></li> <li>• to be <u>adapted</u> for implementation in some <u>other countries</u></li> </ul> |
| AIM                   | <u>Modernisation</u> of educational and training <u>systems</u> of the participating countries  | It is for <u>benefit of the partners</u> and the <u>country/ies</u> involved   |





## Leonardo da Vinci (1) Development of Innovation

### Principles of implementation

- Innovative dimension of the project
- Institutional context, formal and informal practices and initiatives at regional, national or sectoral level
- Benefit at European level
- Support for the production of materials and products (not for training activities) - available in languages of all partners
- Dissemination and Exploitation





## Leonardo da Vinci (2) Thematic Networks

- European Organisations and stakeholders that work on certain VET issues
- Strengthening the link between the partners
- European dimension and higher visibility of activities
- Improvement of quality





## Leonardo da Vinci (2) Thematic Networks

### Network objectives

- To pool knowledge in a specific domain and to share experience
- To identify trends and skills requirements, and thus improving the benefit of VET initiatives
- To publish the results, to foster innovation and transnational cooperation





## Leonardo da Vinci (2) Thematic Networks

### Principles of the Networks

- To establish a VET network between several VET stakeholders (private and public)
- To carry out a work programme (EU grant **not** just for the network!)
- To ensure sustainability
- To provide for the enlargement of the network





Leonardo da Vinci  
 Selection results 2007

|  | MP  | %     | NW | %     |
|--|-----|-------|----|-------|
| Priority 1: Quality of VET systems and practices           | 50  | 19,8  | 6  | 19,4  |
| Priority 2: Teachers and trainers in VET                   | 67  | 26,6  | 5  | 16,1  |
| Priority 3: Innovative e-learning content                  | 83  | 32,9  | 5  | 16,1  |
| Priority 4: European credit transfer for VET (ECVET)       | 12  | 4,8   | 0  | 0,0   |
| Priority 5: Validation of non-formal and informal learning | 40  | 15,9  | 15 | 48,4  |
| Total  | 252 | 100,0 | 31 | 100,0 |





## Leonardo da Vinci Priorities for Multilateral projects

1. Developing skills and competences of VET teachers, trainers and tutors
2. Developing the quality and attractiveness of VET systems and practices
3. Transparency and recognition of competences and qualifications (ECVET, EQF)
4. Skills development of adults in the labour market
5. Raising competence levels of groups at risk
6. Developing the learning environment





## Leonardo da Vinci Priorities for Multilateral projects

1. Developing the skills and competences of VET teachers, trainers and tutors
  - Continuous professional development including language/s learning
  - Proposals should include all of the following:
    - developing the role of VET professionals in response to systemic changes such as the shift to learning outcomes and competence-based systems
    - strengthening the liaison between VET professionals and working life (enterprises, occupational sectors, etc.)
    - developing their pedagogical skills and their involvement in curriculum development.





## Leonardo da Vinci Priorities for Multilateral projects

2. Developing the quality and attractiveness of VET systems and practices
  - Developing and testing quality assurance (European Quality Assurance Reference Framework: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/policies/2010/doc/vetquality\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/education/policies/2010/doc/vetquality_en.pdf))
  - Developing high quality VET pathways to work and/or to further and higher education including guidance and counselling
  - Enhance governance through increased cooperation between all relevant stakeholders





## Leonardo da Vinci Priorities for Multilateral projects

3. Transparency and recognition of competences and qualifications (ECVET, EQF)
  - Development of national and sector QF and systems which incorporate European tools such as Europass portfolio, ECVET system, and EQF
  - Testing and implementation of elements of the following:





## Leonardo da Vinci Priorities for Multilateral projects

- Description of qualifications in terms of learning outcomes
- Mapping VET qualifications onto the 8 EQF reference levels (via NQF and systems)  
see [http://ec.europa.eu/education/ecvt/results\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/education/ecvt/results_en.html)
- Development of transferable unit-based qualifications
- Development of flexible processes for validation, transfer and recognition of learning outcomes (formal, informal and non-formal contexts)





## Leonardo da Vinci Priorities for Multilateral projects

### 4. Skills development of adults in the labour market

- Creation of learning conducive work places
- Recognition and validation of work-based learning
- Development of digital competences
- Vocationally oriented language learning
- Fostering creativity and entrepreneurship





## Leonardo da Vinci Priorities for Multilateral projects

### 5. Raising competence levels of groups at risk

- integrating groups with particular difficulties on the labour market
- Increasing the participation of groups in those VET fields where they are underrepresented
- Activities to redress problems caused by demographic change





## Leonardo da Vinci Priorities for Multilateral projects

### 6. Developing the learning environment

- Tools for the delivery of training in all contexts
- Tools for individuals who undertake self-directed learning
- Developing new delivery methods for DL and language learning





## Leonardo da Vinci Priorities for Thematic networks

### 1. Stakeholder networks

- Identification, dissemination of good practice in individual sectors and in VET as a whole
- Co-operation between VET providers and enterprises

### 2. ECVET networks

- Testing of ECVET (European Credit Transfer System) in key sectors: automobile, processing industry (chemical in particular), transport and logistics, construction, hotel and catering, trade, craft sector





## Leonardo da Vinci (3) Accompanying measures

- “valorisation” activities:
  - Dissemination: improving the accessibility and visibility of project activities and results (e.g. data bases, conferences)
  - exploitation of results
- Clustering of Leonardo projects
- Thematic Monitoring





## Leonardo da Vinci Eligible Participants

- VET institutions or organisations
- VET associations and representatives
- Enterprises, social partners and others
- Bodies providing guidance, counselling and information services
- Bodies responsible for systems and policies
- Higher education institutions and research centres
- Non-profit organisations, voluntary bodies, NGOs



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## LEONARDO DA VINCI Centralised actions – 2008 Selection





## Content

- Overview of 2007 selection results
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- Overview of 2008 selection procedure





## Overview of 2007 selection results - Statistics

| Statistics/ Project type    | Multilateral projects - development of innovation | Networks | Accompanying measures |
|-----------------------------|---|----------|-----------------------|
| Submitted                   | 140   | 16       | 8                     |
| Approved (Expected)         | 32 (18)   | 7 (10)   | 1 (5)                 |
| Success rate                | 23%   | 44%      | 13%                   |
| Average number of partners  | 6.6   | 14.1     | (partners not needed) |
| Average number of countries | 5.5   | 10.5     | 1                     |
| Average grant (euro)        | 371.072   | 368.854  | 63.590                |





## Overview of 2007 selection results -Award criteria (from “best” to “worst”) - approved projects

BEST 😊

- Impact and relevance of the results
- Partnership/consortium

WORST 😞

- Valorisation (dissemination and exploitation plan)
- Cost - benefit ratio





## Overview of 2007 selection results - Some general experience = challenges for future

☹ Low number of:

- submitted “Networks” and “Accompanying measure”
- VET schools in approved projects
- approved projects on language learning
- “Development of innovation” projects in “Validation of non-formal, informal learning”
- “Networks” in “ECVET - European credit transfer system”





## Overview of 2007 selection results - priorities/themes of approved project - DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATION

1. Quality of VET
  - methodology for assessing instruments for hygiene in food industry
  - career guidance = “blended” mentoring (on-site and on-line)
  - training course for nautical personnel on quality services
  - curricula and index for qualitative performance of public transport
  
2. Teachers and trainers in VET
  - multimedia compendium (comparative study, catalogue of skills, curricula) for trainers of “older adults” (45 years old, unemployed)
  - European design platform (identify needs, audit of training)
  - European reference system for facilitators of learning
  
3. Validation of non-formal and in-formal learning
  - “ECDL” certificate for mentally handicapped people





## Overview of 2007 selection results - priorities of approved project - DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATION

4. E-learning
  - tool for measurement of quality of e-learning materials
  - virtual training centre for shoe designers
  - context sensitive education (with mobile phone)
  - language virtual simulator in tourism for low-skilled workers
  - peer production of e-learning materials
  - web- based education modules for restoration sector
  
5. ECVET - European credit transfer system for VET (vocational education and training)
  - modules defined in terms of learning outcomes (knowledge, skills, competences) in order to recognize mobility of young in VET
  - qualification profile in hydrotherapy using EQF and ECVET
  - tools for comparison of qualification in home care sector





## Overview of 2007 selection results - examples of activities of approved projects - NETWORKS





## Overview of 2007 selection results - approved project - ACCOMPANYING MEASURE

The UNITED KINGDOM - NORTH DEVON COLLEGE 

“Widening in Dissemination and Exploitation of Results”

<http://www.ndevon.ac.uk/>

aim: - promote benefits from Leonardo da Vinci projects

activities:

- raise profile of Leonardo da Vinci programme in region
- increase number and diversity of applications
- systematic assessment of previous projects done by College
- two day event on regional level
- publicity materials (case studies)

impact:

- increased participation in mobility projects for initial VET,  
trainers, SMEs





## What is new in 2008 - technical and content issues

- Priorities
- Deadline for submission of application
- New application form
- Two phased application procedure
- New assessment grid and scoring mechanism
  - more detailed award criteria
  - same weight of each award criteria
  - 5 points x 8 criteria = 40 points



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| Overview of selection procedure 2008                                 | Development of innovation | Networks                 | Accompanying Measures    |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Max. duration - years  | 2                         | 3                        | 1                        |
| Min. countries (min. 1 EU)   | 3                         | 5                        | 1                        |
| Max % Funding  | 75 %                      |                          |                          |
| Funding (staff, travel, subsistence, equipment, subcontracts, other) | 200.00 €<br>(max/ year)   | 200.000 €<br>(max/ year) | 150.000 €<br>(max/ year) |
| Funds available (Mio euro)   | 10.8                      | 4.0                      | 0.5                      |
| Expected funded projects   | 30                        | 10                       | 5                        |
| Selection, management  | Executive Agency          |                          |                          |
| Deadline for submission  | 29 February 2008          |                          |                          |
| Results of pre-selection   | June 2008                 |                          | July 2008                |
| Results of final selection   | July 2008                 |                          | August 2008              |
| Starting date of project   | October 2008              |                          | November 2008            |

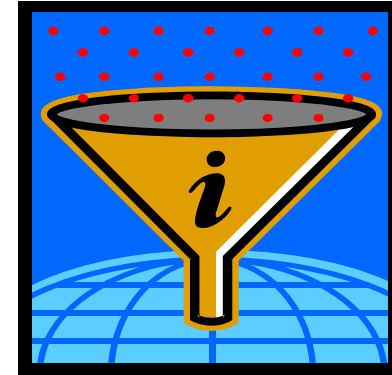




## Overview of 2008 selection procedure - Award criteria

### 1. RELEVANCE

- right programme
- right priority
- problems described



Examples of experts comments: needs analysis before submission; (European, national) knowledge of the field; read definition of priority; present your professional knowledge of the theme; do not produce results for tertiary level; prove analysis with figures, statistics, documents





## Overview of 2008 selection procedure - Award criteria

### 2. INNOVATIVE CHARACTER

- brand new solutions
- added value to previous projects
- sufficient exploration of the field

Examples of experts comments: idea;  
real (European, transnational)

innovation; professional (national and European)  
knowledge of the field; knowledge of previous  
projects; pedagogical approach





## Overview of 2008 selection procedure - Award criteria

### 3. IMPACT

- clearly defined target group
- significant impact on target group

Examples of experts comments:

sustainability (update, distribution);

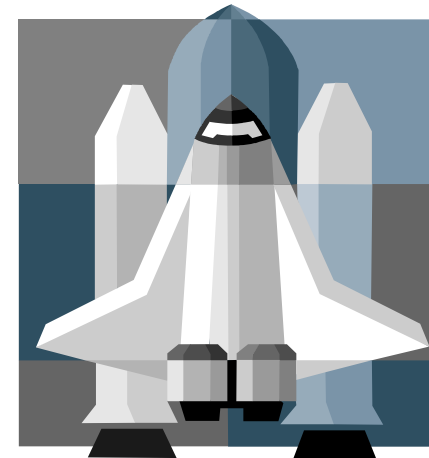
short and long term target groups

(active communication with different target groups),

measurement of the impact (e.g. impact study); door openers

(decision makers); system impact; skills and knowledge and

competence impact; sector impact; VET system impact





## Overview of 2008 selection procedure - Award criteria

### 4. EUROPEAN ADDED VALUE

- European need
- visible benefits
- results exploitable in Europe
- generalisation of the results
- linguistic, cultural issues

Examples of experts comments:

each section of project; knowledge, involvement of European documents/organisations; European thinking; flexible results for different context; results in languages of partners; European tools (e.g. CQAF, EQF, ECVET)





## Overview of 2008 selection procedure - Award criteria

### 5. QUALITY OF WORK PROGRAMME

- objectives, results
- schedule, indicators
- quality management



Examples of experts comments:

various results; read carefully the instructions - section 5 of the application form; diagrams; easy readable/transparent work programme; you do project because of deliverables (main results); input from partners really needed; describe each step





## Overview of 2008 selection procedure - Award criteria

### 6. VALORISATION PLAN (exploitation and dissemination)

- sectors, end users, needs
- involvement of end users in project
- spreading of benefits inside and beyond the consortium

Examples of experts comments:

important for each project; read relevant

web pages; dissemination is easier than exploitation; promotion and awareness-raising; dissemination, exploitation = mainstreaming and multiplication; valorisation during the whole project; task of each partner; different levels; involvement of end users; benefit for countries not involved in project; usability and attractiveness of results





## Overview of 2008 selection procedure - Award criteria

### 7. CONSORTIUM

- multi-actor
- skills, competencies
- appropriate distribution of tasks

Examples of experts comments:

involve important and innovative organisations; small partnership; know your partners profile; input from partners really needed; relevant countries; supporting organisations



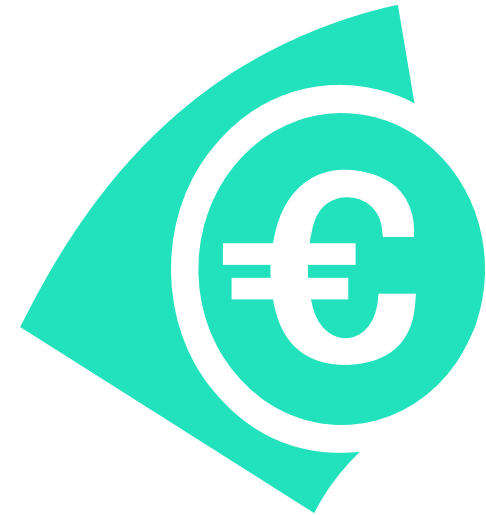


## Overview of 2008 selection procedure - Award criteria

### 8. COST - BENEFIT RATIO

- work programme = budget
- adequate budget
- efficient, effective use = value for money

Examples of experts comments:  
grant in 2007 (app. 300.000 euro - 500.000 euro); detailed explanations of each cost; clear links between budget heading and work programme and deliverables





## Overview of 2008 selection procedure - general advice

1. Skilled project manager (and team)
2. Read all materials carefully (mainly award criteria)
3. Choose right type of project
4. Knowledge of approved projects
5. Contact experts and European organizations
6. Find partners ASAP (previous projects, national agencies)
6. Co-operate with partners ASAP on application form
7. Use also web pages of national agencies – (guides, handbooks, experiences based on 2000-2006 etc.)





## Overview of 2008 selection procedure - Documents and links (1/3)

1. EACEA (Executive agency), Details on Leonardo da Vinci, action fact sheets, Call, Award criteria, Administrative and Financial rules:

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/static/en/llp/funding\\_en.htm](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/static/en/llp/funding_en.htm)

2. DG EAC (Directorate General Education and Culture), Guide, national agencies :

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/guide/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/guide/index_en.html)

3. Valorisation (dissemination and exploitation plan)

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/guide/valor/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/guide/valor/index_en.html) and

[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education\\_culture/valorisation/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/valorisation/index_en.html)





## Overview of 2008 selection procedure

- Documents and links(2/3)

### 4. European VET organisations

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/guide/contact\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/guide/contact_en.html)

### 5. Databases of approved projects

- European database

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/leonardo/new/leonardo2/products/index\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/leonardo/new/leonardo2/products/index_en.cfm)

- Austrian – German – Dutch database

[http://www.leonardodavinci-projekte.org/index\\_en.htm](http://www.leonardodavinci-projekte.org/index_en.htm)

- ADAM database – <http://www.adam-europe.eu/> (from 10.2.2008)

- Compendium 2007 (on web of Executive Agency in a short time)





## Overview of 2008 selection procedure - Documents and links 3/3

### 6. Thematic web pages

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/static/en/leonardo/entrance.htm>

A. VET and the labour market, guidance, target groups

<http://www.lmvet.net/>

B. Development of competencies and skills within companies,

C. Quality of VET

<http://www.leonardo.ecotec.co.uk/thematicgroup3/>

D. Transparency of qualifications, informal learning, credits

<http://www.tg4transparency.com/>

E. E-learning

7 . CEDEFOP - European Centre for the Development of  
Vocational Training <http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/>





## Overview of 2008 selection procedure - Contacts

General website of the Executive Agency (EACEA):  
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