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Lifelong Learning close to Learners

*Best Practice in European Colleges, the
economic and social factor in the knowledge
society*

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Recent improvements in VET

- Larger scale – better fit to diversity and demands of society
- Professional management
- Qualification structure – new occupational roles
- Minimum qualification for all
- ICT for management / for learning
- Responsibility for own learning



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Changes in society

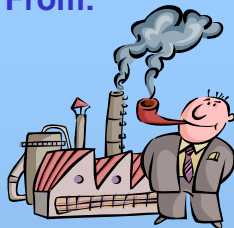
- Knowledge
- Identity and social texture
- Globalisation



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Transformation

From:



industrial development

Task/time, functional, planning en control, doing and thinking divided, hierarchies, standardisation, body of knowledge (library), mass production, the state, the university, the school...

To:

network development

Mission/autonomous groups, innovation, participation, complexity, variety, flow of knowledge, mass individualisation, global institutions and regionalisation, communities of practice.....



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**This transformation
goes along with
increasing
demand
on people**



*And thus with higher demands on the
quality of work, life and
education.*

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European objectives for Lifelong Learning to meet the needs of the network society

- Universal & continuing access and renewing skills
- Increase investment in human resources (knowledge as investment)
- Effective teaching and learning-contexts
- Recognise and certify the outcomes of different types of learning (informal and non-formal)
- Guidance and Counselling – quality advice
- Bring learning closer to the learner (home, workplace, communities)

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This Conference

Exchange, develop and disseminate best practices on each of the 6 objectives (reports of the workshops)

Vision on the future

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Change in concepts and values, e.g.:

- *Knowledge and learning less codified and more personal and contextual*
- *Universities, schools and VET institutions replaced by communities of learning and creation of services*
- *Identity and social status less connected to diploma's, formal education and more based on personal portfolio's and changing issue groups*
- *Etc. etc.*

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REDESIGN OF LEARNING: Close to learners

- ✓ Micro choice
- ✓ Communities of practice
 - participation in innovation; integration of knowledge in production and service
 - balance of cognition and social-emotional intelligence
- ✓ ICT at home, work, shops and street corners
 - excellent instruction
 - communities of learning
 - simulation
- ✓ Competency assessment – portfolio's

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Redesign of institutions

from:



industrially organised
institution

To:

Service to learning
**for people, institutes,
business and communities**



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*Organisation of **SERVICE TO LEARNING***

- ✓ Networked service organisation
- ✓ Front- & Backoffice
- ✓ Teacher as educational entrepreneur

- ✓ Individual financing (vouchers)
- ✓ Multiple accreditation

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Front Office:

- personal learning arrangements
- personal care
- employability and work
- channel to groups, apprenticeships and learning spaces

Back office

- ✓ high quality learning materials
- ✓ assessments
- ✓ expertise, space, facilities

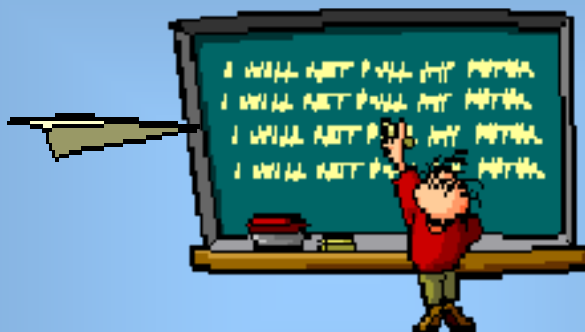
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Teachers

- ✓ **Educational entrepreneurs**
 - specialisation to "roles"
 - individual, partnership or agency
 - deliver services to a diversity of clients, including VET Institutions
- ✓ **Professional knowledge networks (best practices communities)**

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