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THROUGH THE UNIFICATION OF EUROPE, PEOPLE NOW HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY AND FIND WORK ABROAD IN OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. YET THIS POSSIBILITY IS STILL TO BE FULLY EXPLOITED. THE AIMS OF THE EUROGUIDANCE CENTRES ARE TO PROMOTE THE EUROPEAN DIMENSION IN EDUCATION, TRAINING AND JOB MOBILITY. THIS IS REINFORCED BY INCREASING THE COMPETENCES OF THE COUNSELLORS WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SECTOR.

AIMS

The European Union intends to increase the total number of new employment exchanges for work and education. The Euroguidance centres are established within the European platform of the Leonardo da Vinci-programme. One of these centres' objectives is to collect, produce, disseminate and supply quality information on the education and training systems in the EU, EEA Member States and the associated countries. More importantly is to increase the competences of the people working in the international field of career guidance. The Euroguidance centre in the Netherlands uses its network contacts with other Euroguidance centres to stimulate awareness and to supply information on the education and training opportunities within this country.

PLOTEUS PORTAL

This is the name given to the European Portal for the provision of information (<http://europa.eu.int/ploteus>) and has more than 60.000 websites available to those interested in studying in Europe. Visitors to the Ploteus Portal can effectively reach their desired website directly by clicking on the appropriate Internet site of the learning opportunity.

MORE COMPETENT COUNSELLORS

The Euroguidance centre in The Netherlands intends to increase the competences of the counsellors within the International sector. They intend to fulfil this aim through broader and better contact and communication between the Dutch and other European counsellors. For this purpose, a website had been established, www.euroguidance.nl, with new tips and answers to the most asked questions concerning studying abroad. Files are being developed here concerning for example web-based guidance or APL. Seminars are also being organised along with study days and study trips where the Dutch counsellors may meet up with their colleagues from different countries to disseminate their ideas on an international level. Through the publication of the series "Dutch good practices in vocational guidance" the experiences of best practices are expressed and brought to everyone's attention. At the moment three brochures are published in the series:

Vocational guidance in a new perspective

Career guidance in the construction sector

The European dimension in vocational guidance (in Dutch)

CONTACT

In The Netherlands CINOP is the host organisation which co-ordinates and supports the Euroguidance centre. CINOP is the Dutch centre for innovation in training. Together with the NUFFIC, the Dutch organisation for European Co-operation in Higher Education, CINOP forms the Leonardo da Vinci National Agency. Within Euroguidance one works together with COLO, an organisation representing centres for vocational education and employment.

