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Conference “Quality in Mobility within the Lifelong Learning Programme”

International mobility as a tool for the achievement of Lisbon strategy objectives is gaining in importance in European and national areas. This does not concern only an increased numbers of mobility, but more and more emphasis is placed on quality in mobility, particularly in the sense of achieving more impact on the individual, the organisation, as well as on local and broader environment. Consequently, the European Community programme, Lifelong Learning focuses a major part of its activities and thus also financial support on international mobility and all participating states strive for increased quality and mobility impact. At the conference "Quality in Mobility with the Lifelong Learning Programme" in June a broad discussion for the support of those processes will be initiated.

The aim of the Conference, organised by the Centre of the Republic of Slovenia for Mobility and European Educational Programmes (CMEPIUS), Ministry of Education and Sport of the RS and European Commission, is to exchange opinions on monitoring quality in international mobility from the aspect of both European and national policy and of organisations which deal with mobility and of individuals who are involved in international mobility, and to create opinions for improved quality in mobility.

The Conference will be opened by key speeches by Milan Zver, PhD, Minister of Education and Sport and Jan Figel; European Commissioner for Education and Culture who will also give European Awards for Quality in Mobility to the best projects. During the conference participants from 34 countries, representative of ministries in the Lifelong Learning programme committee, directors of national agencies and their colleagues, experts from the field of mobility, representatives of institutions in international projects and individuals who have experienced mobility will try to answer key questions such as: “Does a greater number of participants ensure a stronger effect of the Programme?” and “What does quality in international mobility mean and how can we improve it?”

Directors of national agencies for the Lifelong Learning programme and the Lifelong Learning programme committee will officially meet one day before the conference and bring the discussion about the past and future of the Lifelong Learning programme and the quality of its implementation to the highest level. Members of the Lifelong Learning committee and directors of national agencies will also have a joint meeting for the first time since both bodies were founded, which means a meeting of political decision-making and implementation.