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AVE in a professional perspective

Assessing voluntary experiences

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Context Associations may be the ideal place to get accustomed and trained to novel and innovative solutions and practices, to experiment or acquire new skills. For volunteers, a voluntary experience may lead or facilitate a professional career. Identifying and evaluating the skills and qualifications acquired through volunteering in the associations should be the way to recognize and validate this informal learning. It should be very useful for people who have no professional experience to face with a first activity (youngsters) and for people who have been kept away from the labour market to renew with a professional activity (parents who have raised their children, sick people when they have recovered, prisoners when they are free...). A voluntary experience is an alternative way to experiment, develop or renew with specific skills and qualifications in a specific context, nor public nor private, with both professional and non professional staff, with the goal to include and serve the general interest.

Aim Assessing voluntary experiences : identifying, evaluating and validating skills and qualifications acquired through volunteering as an informal learning for a professional purpose

Planning 1st of October 2003 – 30th of June 2006 (30 months)

Dissemination of the results A Website www.eEuropeassociations.net is meant to present the results for the general public ; it will be written in French and English

Our project consists in :

- a statement of the recognition of voluntary work in each of the 7 countries and the kind of training proposed by professionals to volunteers and the qualifications they require ;
- a synthesis of the main skills and qualifications developed in the voluntary activities and the ways and tools to identify them for professionals ;
- a proposal and experimentation of validation for these skills and qualifications in the short term for the associations, in the long term for their partners (public and private sectors..).

Building a double network :

- A network of experts : Centrum Wolontariatu, European Centre, FIVOL, IRIV, ISIS, IRV, OKA ;
- A network of associations and partners in 7 European countries.

Elaborating tools and methods :

- to identify and evaluate the skills and qualifications required and acquired in volunteering ;
- to validate these skills and qualifications in a professional perspective

Experimenting this identification, evaluation and validation

- through the network of associations
- making a proposal of general validation for the 7 countries and/or specific to each of them.

State of the art

Results

