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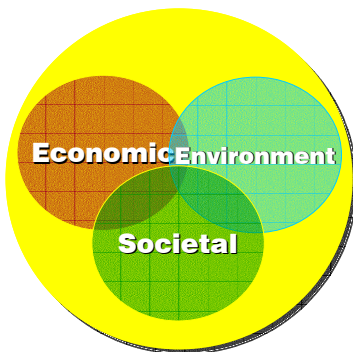
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euSDET Consortium Partners

	Celtas BV International Projects -Netherland
	Impegno Civile Sociale – Italy
	MacDAC Engineering Consultancy Bureau Ltd. – Malta
	Camera de Comerț Bistrița Nasaud – Romania
	Rīgas Tehniskā Universitāte – Latvia
	Universitatea Politehnică București - Romania
	Americanski Universitet – Bulgaria
	Alytaus Kolegija - Lithuania
	ACARE Environnement – France

>> Welcome !



We would like to welcome you to our first **euSDET** Newsletter. *euSDET* is an EU funded Grundtvig 1 project that aims to contribute a step towards helping the enlarged Europe now made up of 25 Member States in reaching the Lisbon European Council goal. The specific aim of this project is to develop a course for *Adult Education Staff* on the theme of *Sustainable Development*, based on its 3 *integrated* pillars, namely:

- *Economic*
- *Societal-cultural*
- *Environmental aspects.*

For this reason, the **euSDET** project brings together a number of participants from across an *enlarged* and *multi-cultural* Europe to create this Grundtvig 1 course on *Sustainable Development*, test it by providing training on this topic in a number of languages to adult trainers and to also promote intercultural European dialogue. Finally, the course will be organized as a Grundtvig 3 project for which stakeholders from across Europe will be able to attend. The aim of this newsletter is to inform both the *euSDET* project partners and relevant stakeholders on activities taking place concerning both the project and the theme of sustainable development. In every newsletter issue, we will provide the profile of one of the *euSDET* partner organizations. Should you wish to communicate with us, please do not hesitate to contact the project co-ordinator Henk Kiezebrink of Celtas bv or any other project partner via the *euSDET* web page ie www.mecb.com.mt/eusdet.html.



>> Kick-off in Sicily, Italy

The first euSDET partner meeting was held in Roccalumera, on the Italian island of Sicily between 15th and 17th December 2005. The meetings were held at Torre Saracena, hosted by Dr Carlo Mastroeni of Impegno Civile Sociale. Following the introduction by, Dr Mastroeni, the first thing carried out was a self introduction of all the different partners about themselves and their respective organizations. This was followed by the Maltese partner Dr Jonathan Borg giving a summary of the main euSDET's project goals ie. to develop, test and run a 5-day course on Sustainable Development. Following this introduction, the consortium focused on defining and delegating amongst the different partners the main euSDET work plan. In addition, key milestones were agreed for the duration of euSDET. The partners agreed that the second euSDET meeting will be held in February 2006 in Malta.



Torre Saracena



Welcome by Italian host



Partners at kick-off meeting

>> euSDET Dissemination Activities

As part of the dissemination activities, on 15th December 2005, the partners from IT, MT, FR and NL attended an activity organized by The Lions Club of Santa Tereza. In addition, three euSDET partners, namely Dr Carlo Mastroeni of Impegno Civile Sociale (IT), Henk Kiezebrink of Celtas bv (NL) and Dr Jonathan C. Borg of MECB Ltd (MT) were collectively interviewed on Radio Libera 77 and Radio Phenomena Network to provide information concerning the euSDET Project. The interview can be heard on internet website www.radiolibera77.it



French (left) and Dutch (right) partners at Lions Club Event



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>> Meeting euSDET Partners: **CELTAS bv of NL**

Celtas BV is private organisation that explores a lot of International activities. Celtas BV has already a long experience in various International Projects all over Europe. Celtas focuses on the new Europe and work in European perspective. Celtas participate and cooperate with EU members, new EU members and forthcoming EU members to stimulate the idea of European cooperation. Celtas believe that the understanding between people will be successful if they communicate and cooperate to achieve a specific project target. For more than 15 years Celtas have developed exchanges between colleges and organisations all over Europe and are well aware of the targets and problems in this field.

Celtas who participate in various EU projects such as Leonardo and Socrates, are open to every new proposal. As Celtas have links in every European country they can also link colleges and help find partners in different countries. Of relevance is that Celtas have 20 years experience in education, primary, secondary and vocational education. This gives them the opportunity to make combinations between educational and social projects, related to place people on the labour market. Celtas cover expertise in training and placement solutions for nearly every target group. The list below outlines typical work/projects involving Celtas bv. Further information on Celtas bv can be found at www.celtas.nl

- Celtas has links with colleges and organisations in various fields in all European countries.
- In a period of 15 years Celtas realised student exchanges between Holland, United Kingdom, Germany and Austria.
- At the moment Celtas places students in internships all over Europe on individual basis, especially in Spain and England.
- Celtas made several curriculum comparisons in Germany and the United Kingdom.
- Celtas took part in more than ten International seminars on European level.
- Celtas organised study visits with several colleges to Germany and the United Kingdom.
- Celtas set up a study visit to Romania to develop the initiative for exchanges and projects with Dutch colleges.
- Celtas participated in projects from Leonardo and others in Austria, United Kingdom, Italy, Latvia and Germany.
- Celtas participated in a Vocational Leonardo project coordinated by Latvia, together with partners from Iceland, Sweden, Denmark and Finland.
- Celtas participated in Grundtvig project with the University of Riga in Latvia.
- Celtas participated in a Leonardo project : Improving Vocational Education in Electrical Engineering and Electronics with Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Italy and England.
- Celtas coordinated a Grundtvig 2 project about Sustainable Development with Latvia, Belgium, Malta and Italy
- Celtas is participating in a Leonardo project with the Polytechnic University of Bucharest and partners from MT, LT and IT called Implementation of an innovative model and self sustainable system of ECDL CAD training/testing centre.



>> Forthcoming SD Related Events

Stakeholders interested in Sustainable Development should take note that a number of international events are taking place. Some events are listed on the right. For regular announcements, please check <http://www.conferencealerts.com/sustain.htm>

- **Green Building and Design 2006** - Making it happen Melbourne Australia, May 2006. <http://www.cfd.rmit.edu.au/training>
- **Integrated Water Resources Management and Challenges of Sustainable Development** Marrakech Morocco, May 2006. <http://www.ucam.ac.ma/gire3d>
- **Sustainable Tourism With Special Reference To Islands And Small States**, Valletta, Malta, May 2006. <http://www.home.um.edu.mt/islands/>
- **Second International Conference on Environment and Sustainable Development** Gurabo Puerto Rico, November 2006, <http://ciemades.suagm.edu/>

>> This Issue's Selected Websites

Stakeholders interested in the topic of Sustainable Development will be given a number of relevant sites covering topics relevant to sustainable development in each issue of the euSDET newsletter. This issue's sites are as disclosed on the right.

- A very good website that can provide the reader with a a good introduction to the topic of sustainable development is that hosted by the SD Gateway at <http://www.sdgateway.net/introsd/>
- The UN's Division for Sustainable Development provides leadership and is an authoritative source of expertise on sustainable development. It can be found at <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/>.
- Sustainable development is enshrined in the EU treaty as an overarching objective of the European Union. In 2001, EU leaders launched a sustainable development strategy, focusing on a number of key unsustainable trends and avocating a new approach to policy-making. Further information can be found at <http://ec.europa.eu/comm/environment/eussd/index.htm>
- Waste, Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Forum website concerning on the needs and requirements of producers and importers to introduce and use 'take-back systems' can be found at www.weee-forum.org.

Key Message for this issue

"Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."