

The future of University Lifelong Learning as seen by the National Networks for University Lifelong Learning in EUCEN

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The National Networks of University Lifelong Learning are important actors at present and will be even more important in the future as ambassadors for the role of Lifelong Learning (LLL). At very different national levels, they provide a forum for discussion of the key questions of Lifelong Learning at Universities in the 21st century. Some national networks have a long tradition, are well established and legally formalized; some networks are quite new, informal (without any legal status) or are being built up. EUCEN, as the European Network for University Lifelong Learning, has always had a strong focus on strengthening the already existing national networks, while also supporting especially those countries which are trying to build up a national network for University Lifelong Learning.

For this panel, the national networks will outline their main working themes and the focus of their work in the last year, thus describing the main issues which had and have to be dealt with at national levels. Secondly, the National Networks will present their view of what will be, in the future, the main issues in the field of Lifelong Learning at Universities. Finally, the National Networks will present their perspective on LLL; i.e. what they would be able to contribute to the key issues of European Universities in the future: rebuilding the study structures of the Universities, dealing with new target groups, Recognition of Prior Learning, research-based teaching, cooperation with regional partners and stakeholders.