



Economic Educational
Territorial-Structure

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... connecting educational-training systems to regional economies for regional stability and growth ...

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1. Starting Point

No one could have foreseen in 2000 and 2001 at the time when the EU formulated its Lisbon and Gothenburg goals that there would be a global financial and economic crisis in 2008 that would change many of these ambitious transnational goals and cause widespread uncertainty, especially in the daily lives of European citizens who see their jobs, lives and security under threat.

As new ambitious transnational goals are being formulated and presented (e.g. EU 2020, http://ec.europa.eu/eu2020/index_en.htm) who can predict what will happen in the future?

One thing is certain: regional economies must be in a position to cope with the pressures. They have to be able to react to and predict changing conditions, and they must be able to educate, train and retrain their workforces to meet the challenges.

Individual citizens have to be supported so that they can contribute to their own individual economic security, as well as to the security of the region and in a wider context to a united Europe.

2. Time to act

The CENTRAL EUROPE supported project ET-struct aims at supporting regional stability and growth. How?

1. **ET-struct will bring together three of the major players that influence regions in permanent management structures: regional politics; regional economy; regional education-training.**
2. **ET-struct will compile a dynamic inventory of skills and competences needed for CENTRAL EUROPE (“new-skills-for-new-jobs”)**
3. **ET-struct will develop and pilot on-site and online learning systems to educate, train and retrain regional workforces.**



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3. Start-up Meeting

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ET-struct will run until the end of 2012. The project, with the European Office, Vienna Board of Education as Lead Partner together with 16 partner institutions in Germany, Italy, Poland, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and the Ukraine plans to improve the future working prospects of regional workforces.

On 28 May 2010 at the *ET-struct* Start Up in the House of the European Union in Vienna one hundred prominent guests from the fields of Education and Training, Economy and regional Politics met to discuss the impact of *ET-struct* in connection with regional stability and growth.



The podium speakers were Susanne Brandsteidl (Vienna Board of Education), Monika Unterholzner (Vienna Business Agency), Claudia Pamperl (CENTRAL EUROPE Programme), Norbert Frank (Ministry of Education, Science and Culture Mecklenburg-Vorpommern), Dimitris Karagiannis (Institute for Knowledge and Business Engineering / University of Vienna), and Stuart Simpson (European Office / Vienna Board of Education).

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