

Draft Evaluation Framework Kista Open Academy / examined by Aboavita

Rationale

The evaluation will be concerned with assessing the quality, value and importance of the activity in the Equal context and to inform the development of the Kiata Open Academy

Stakeholders in the evaluation process:

DP partners, transnational partners, policy makers [national and ESF level], programme managers [Managing Authorities and National Support Structures], target groups and those discriminated against.

Questions

Have the national activities been carried out [planned, managed, executed] well? [quality]

Did the partnership and programme make some useful contributions to local or regional development, policies and practices through partner DP's? Has it added value to national activity? [value]

Has the national partnership been successful and significant both in terms of making a substantial contribution to your DP's overall strategy and in terms of delivering positive impacts – especially in terms of contributing to changes in education and training market policies at national or European levels? [importance]

Did the national partnership explore the right issues and problems and what relevant equal issues have emerged? [impact]

How relevant has the agreement been as a document to support national co-operation? [process]

How effective has the transnational process been in transnational co-operation within the Learning Virtual Sauna? [process]

How effective has the transnational process been in transnational co-operation within the Virtual Open Academy (Italy) ? [process]

How effective has the transnational process been in transnational co-operation within the Open Global Learning (London)? [process]

Milestones in all different areas (1 national, 3 transnational)

- seminars/conferences/workshops
- management meetings
- establishment and operation of working groups

- the maintenance of involvement within the transnational partnership of all DP's
- events and special activities
- reports [project activity]
- new projects
- new partners
- set of guidelines
- use of a communication framework / homepage
- achievement of workplan deadlines
- final transnational conference
- final evaluation report

Methodology

A range of methodologies will be used to undertake the evaluation and these will include: questionnaires, interviews, focus groups, desk research, and web site interactions.

Each DP-partnergroup will nominate an evaluation lead researcher who will work in partnership to undertake the evaluation of the partnergroup led by the co-ordinator. This group will meet every third months. They will identify a workplan that will progress this evaluation framework.

The transnational work influences and results will also be managed in these evaluation groups.

The evaluation will be continuous and formative and reports will be made at each the partnership meeting every third months.

The final evaluation report will be available by February 2005.

Responsibility

Members of the national partnership will carry out the internal national evaluation with representation from each of the national partners. The Associate Partners in Turku, Finland will have the responsibility for managing the production of the transnational reports and co-ordinating the DP-partners contributions. Aboavita, Turku Finland will be responsible for external evaluation based on the internal reports and their own examination.

Overview of the evaluation plan – to be fulfilled

