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VENet – a European Model for Vocational Education

# VENet Best Practice Seminar

Thinking Solutions, Delivering Actions

**28 February 2007, 15.00–18.00**

**Steiermark Büro Brüssel**

avenue de Tervuren 82–84, 1040 Brussels

(Entrance at avenue de Tervuren 84)



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### Background

Within the transnational Cooperation (TCA) of several Equal Development Partnerships from Austria, Germany, Poland and Cyprus, we have developed a model of an innovative **V**ocational **E**ducation **N**etwork (VENet Model) for disadvantaged (young) people.

### The VENet Model

- involves all relevant players in the labour market and education field;
- focuses on disadvantaged unemployed people with no (or no utilizable) qualification;
- approaches an individual qualification;
- trains the participants in a network of companies;
- considers the demands of regional businesses;
- provides psychosocial support to the participants;
- aims at a sustainable integration of the target group into the labour market.

The model is adaptable to all European countries and is being implemented in our TCA countries at the moment. We will have practical results starting in February. Organisations that are interested in implementing a regional VENet Model in their country get supported by our TCA partners. For more information please have a look at our website [www.venet-eu.com](http://www.venet-eu.com).

### Aim of the Seminar

The aim of the event is to mainstream and position the VENet Model sustainably. Experts should get an insight into the practical work. Our national projects will be presented in an extra room and may be visited before, during and after the event. Practitioners should get information on future programmes and perspectives of the European Social Fund.

### Useful Information

The seminar will be held in English language. The participation is free of charge but due to limited seating you are requested to register by February 21 with the enclosed registration form.

Nearest underground stations: Montgomery (direction Stockel) and Merode; parking is difficult.

## Programme Wednesday, 28 February 2007

15.00–15.30 **Registration, welcome coffee**

15.30–15.40 **Introduction**

15.40–15.55 **Keynote speech**

“The social aspects of the Employment Strategy.

What after EQUAL? The European Social Fund beyond 2007”

**Peter Stub Jorgensen**, Director, European Commission, DG EMPL, Directorate B:  
European Social Fund, Monitoring of Corresponding National Policies II

15.55–16.30 **Presentation and questions**

“VENet – A European model for vocational education”

**Peter Sicking**, Project Coordinator of the German DP “Quinta”

16.30–17.50 **Plenary discussion**

“Innovative strategies in the encouragement of disadvantaged people:  
perspectives and solutions”

Participants

**Karin Jöns**, Member of the European Parliament, Committee  
on Employment and Social Affairs

**Walter Wolf**, Social Inclusion Policy Officer, European Commission, DG EMPL,  
Directorate E: Social Protection and Integration

**Charlotte Gruber**, Austrian DP “BAP”,  
Managing Director of a social integration enterprise

**Fintan Farrell**, Director of the European Anti Poverty Network

17.50–18.00 **Summary, closing of the meeting**

18.00 **Reception, networking opportunities**

Moderation **Michael Jungwirth**, EU Correspondent of “Kleine Zeitung” and Author