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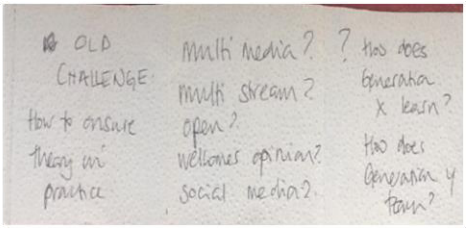
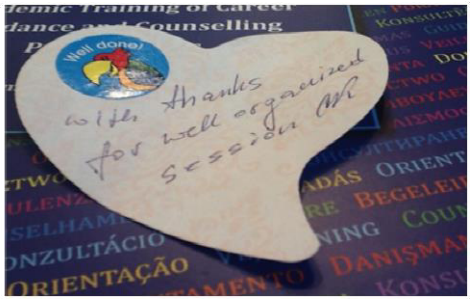


Conferences

During NICE 1 and NICE 2 projects four conferences have taken place in Czestochowa/ Poland, Heidelberg/ Germany, Jyvaskyla/ Finland, and Istanbul/ Turkey!



Working Groups Meetings

NICE 2 consists of a row of projects. The various working groups have regular meetings.

FAST FACTS

86 experts

The NICE network brings together 86 career guidance experts from all over Europe

45 partners

45 Higher Education Institutions are active in NICE, representing various academic disciplines relevant for career counseling – including educational sciences, applied psychology, economics, sociology, business administration, social work and anthropology.

INTERESTING INFO

- ✓ NICE has recently published an article on how guidance and counselling can support student mobility by Sauli Puukari from the University of Jyväskylä.
- ✓ You can download it here:

  http://www.nice-network.eu/349.html

The NICE Quality Group

by Monika Petermandl

The "Quality Group" has a supporting role for fruitful networking processes in NICE 2. Its members are Monika Petermandl (AT), Sif Einarsdóttir (IS), Jukka Lerkkanen (FI), Peter Weber (DE) and until September 2013 Nelica La Gro (UK).

In its first meeting the group developed a quality model for the development of NICE. It is based on a quality cycle for projects, which begins with an analysis of the initial situation, followed by the determination of goals and the identification of possible actions. Chosen actions are then planned before their implementation, so that they can be evaluated to generate additional knowledge for the next cycle (transfer).

As a result of the evaluation of the networking processes in NICE 1, the quality group identified stimulating factors for fruitful networking, including benefits of the outcomes or shared norms among the group members. Additionally, also challenging factors like lack of information or ambiguous management processes have been identified. These factors have been considered in "guidelines at the starting point" and have been disseminated to all working groups of NICE 2.

In the next step we will collect feedback from the first working period of NICE 2 and make good practice visible and indicate possible challenges. Questionnaires have already been submitted to all network members, and we expect to publish the results in early 2014.

The NICE Mobility Team

by Jean-Jacques Ruppert

The members of the "Mobility Team" (WP 2) have had two informal brain-storming meetings in Istanbul and in Montpellier to get things started. At these occasions we discussed several issues fundamental to mobility such as the rationale of a NICE mobility programme, possible objectives and how to achieve them, potential beneficiaries of the programme and added value of NICE mobility.

We also touched upon the crucial issue of funding with the aim of establishing a common and independent budget for mobility to allow all the members of the NICE community to participate in mobility regardless of their financial situation. In addition, we have discussed some more practical points such as language(s), duration, accreditation and dissemination of mobility activities. We plan to meet again early in 2014 in order to elaborate a blueprint for NICE mobility. At the Canterbury conference in September 2014 we will present a web-based platform which we believe has the potential to become the common online tool to manage NICE mobility.