Leonardo da Vinci

Working and Learning in the World of Cradle-to-Cradle

Dissemination activity for Dutch National Agency New Skills Network

The first meeting 9 October 2012 Utrecht, NL

KPC Groep is a member of the Dutch New Skills Network. As part of the activities of this network the Dutch National Agency organised a national follow-up meeting on 9 October 2012 in Utrecht. The New Skills for Jobs-agenda has a wide reach and therefore this meeting focused on bridging the gap between the world of work and education, looking at VET in specific.

The meeting had an explorative and informative character, on the one side exploring the views of the stakeholders and on the other side looking for opportunities to inform the participants about the activities and results of the New Skills Network. There were about 20 participants present representing VET-institutes, centres of expertise, umbrella-organisations, social services, employers etc.

The second meeting 4 June 2013 Utrecht, NL

The New Skills Network had its second meeting on 4 June 2013 in Utrecht. Most of the participants of the first meeting were present again, including KPC Groep.

During the meeting there was an exchange of information about Leonardo projects, there were presentations and discussions. The participants concluded that working on new skills can be best organised in close co-operation with other organisations. The best way to do this is a regional approach with government, education and business.

Participants discussed how they organised their contacts with business and concluded that more meetings with the network were necessary. It should even be an obligation for new projects to have co-operation between governments, education and business (in Dutch the 3 O's i.e. Overheid, Onderwijs en Ondernemers)

Special attention is needed for competences as creativity, entrepreneurship, taking initiatives, but also for vulnerable people and students with constaints.

KPC Groep promoted the 3xO approach they are involved in in the municipality of Den Bosch. In Den Bosch government, education and business work together on the themes of renewable energy and climate change.

In a new project they like to focus on masterclasses, educational arrangments and internships for (VET) students and also on international co-operation.

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