

REFORM.E



European network for training in the construction sector

RE.FORM.E was created in 1987 by some professional training organizations originating from the Netherlands, France, Italy and Germany.

RE.FORM.E Network was built step by step with the participation of different professional organizations of the construction sector, coming from several European countries, in order to promote the exchanges of good practices in the fields of:

- training of youngsters (salaried persons, pupils and students),
- training of trainers coming from professional schools and work sites,
- vocational training of salaried people.

This European network of national and regional organizations, functions on the basis of voluntary participation. It participates in the setting up of exchanges of the trainees who can effect courses and practices in other countries. Moreover, RE.FORM.E carries out common projects permitting to improve pedagogical and organizational methods of teaching in all concerned countries (especially within the framework of the Leonardo da Vinci programme).

Until October 2005, RE.FORM.E consisted of the following members:

- FORMEDIL, Italy (organization which assumed the presidency of the network between 1987 and 2005),
- CCCA-BTP, France (organization which assumes the presidency of the network at present),
- BZB, Germany,
- FLC, FLC Asturias and Institut Gaudi, Spain,
- CENFIC, Portugal
- FORMATION PME Liège, Belgium,
- ECAP, Switzerland.

RE.FORM.E is widely open to other partners

on the condition that they come from the construction sector and from a European country. In that way, two new partners joined the network in October 2005 :

- KEUDA - Finland,
- BYN - Sweden.

The activity of RE.FORM.E has already allowed numbers of young Europeans to effect a professional placement in another European country, in connexion with their national training programmes.

In order to improve the quality of these placements, the partners of RE.FORM.E have achieved a number of common productions aiming to facilitate the preparation works of training centres who send trainees to another country.

So the following projects have been achieved:

- quality-charts for the exchanges of youngsters and trainers,
- practical guides for European exchanges, linguistic CD-ROM "ABC of the Construction",
- operational files for the implementation of the building work sites.

The activity of RE.FORM.E is mostly turned toward the exchanges of youngsters, trainers and company employees. Every year, about 350 youngsters (pupils, apprentices) and 50 trainers participate in these exchanges. This number is not sufficient and all the partners wish it increased rapidly.

In addition of the exchange programmes, RE.FORM.E achieves some specific pilote projects aiming the improvement of pedagogical methods of teaching, the development of contacts with enterprises who train youngsters and adults in the professional conversion process, and, eventually, the setting up of programmes and operational files for the company salaries of the construction sector. Some of these projects are co-financed with European grants, allowed within the Leonardo da Vinci programme.

In July 2006, two new projects were approved by the European Commission:

- **Q-CASE** - prepared under the direction of the Building School of Perugia, Italy, member of FORMEDIL national network, concerning the methodology of the setting up of the building work sites (new buildings and renovation of the architectural heritage),
- **COPILOTE** - promoted by the CCCA-BTP, France, aiming a common European strategy toward tutors of trainees in the building companies.

These new initiatives join the project set up by one of the Spanish partners, FLC Asturias, aiming the promotion of the Copenhagen process within all the counties of the partnership.

All these new projects have to be completed by the end of 2008.

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