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European workshop on

*“Employability,
Employer Involvement
and Student Work Placements”*

March 6th – 7th, 2008

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The workshop on **“Employability, Employer Involvement and Student Placements”** is organized by Careers Guidance Working Party and Education Training and Mobility of the Coimbra Group.

The meeting aims to create an opportunity of dialogue where employers and Universities can exchange their experiences, and become more familiar with their respective requirements and expectations. Role, skills, competencies and best practices will be discussed and guidelines on how to better manage work placements, will be formulated.

The first part of the meeting consists of an overview on what competencies are required by higher education graduate in the knowledge society and what role is played by higher institutions in helping graduates to develop these competencies, but also gives an overview on the European Employment strategies and the role that play in the implementation of the employments objectives of the Lisbon strategies.

The second part it is based on parallel workshops that focus on:

- how can transferable skills be developed within the university learning process;
- how Career Services can provide companies with efficient support in their sourcing effort;
- how can improve cooperation between companies and universities;
- The European Labour Market- Does it exist? Can we speak about one or more Labour Markets?



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Wednesday, 5th March 2008

Workshop participants arrive. No formal reception during the evening.

Thursday, 6th March 2008

08.30-09.00 Registration

09.00-09.15 Opening

Chair: Alberto Mirandola, *University of Padua*
Official welcome to Padua and the Workshop
Vincenzo Milanese, *Rector of the University of Padua*

09.15-09.45 Higher Education and the Labourmarket - the Challenges of the Bologna-Process

Gerd Köhler, *German Union of University Teachers*

09.45-10.15 How to enhance cooperation between enterprises and universities at National and European level

Claudio Gentili, *Confindustria Education Manager*

10.15-10.45 Institutionalized form of university-industry cooperation: fostering employability and enhancing transferable skills

Peter Debreczeni, *Senior Consultant DPE Consulting*

10.45-11.15 *Coffee / Tea Break*

11.15-11.45 *Chair:* Luigi F. Donà dalle Rose, *University of Padua*

FixO Project: Education and Innovation to develop employability

Danilo Mattoccia, *Manager Italia Lavoro*

11.45-12.30 **Employers' Forum: A company's view on work placements**

12.30-13.15 **Students' Forum: A student's view on work placements**

13.15-14.30 *Lunch*

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14.30-15.30 Parallel workshops

1. Case Study – Transferable skills

- Students/graduates pre-requisites for work placements
- How can transferable skills be developed within the university learning process

Chair: Erkki Harkonnen, *University of Turku*

2. Case Study – Careers Offices

- Best Practice Tools that can improve cooperation between companies and universities

Chair: Christian Cormier, *University of Poitiers*

3. Case Study – The European Labour Market

- Is there really a European graduate market?
- Can we speak about the existence of a European labour market or of European labour markets (segmentations)?

Chair: Cristina Cogoi, *Melius srl – Mobilità e Lavoro Internazionale*

15.30-15.45 *Coffee / Tea Break*

15.45-16.45 Repeat of parallel workshops as above

16.45-17.15 Plenary Session: results of the workshops

Rapporteur workshop 1: Annemieke Waite,
University of Bristol

Rapporteur workshop 2: Brian Staines,
University of Bristol

Rapporteur workshop 3: Inge Knudsen,
Coimbra Group Office

20.00 *Social Dinner at Caffè Pedrocchi*



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Friday, 7th March 2008

- 09.00-09.15 Opening**
Chair: Christian Cormier, University of Poitiers
- 09.15-10.00 Managing Careers Services in an International Context – Sharing best practice**
Paul Blackmore, University of Lancaster
- 10.00-10.30 Report of questionnaire Career Guidance Working Party of Coimbra Group**
Gilda Rota, University of Padua
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee / Tea Break**
- 11.00-12.00 Three Case Studies:
Work Placements in Practice – Experiences from Coimbra Group universities**
Elina Pajunen, University of Turku
Brian Staines, University of Bristol
Inmaculada Marrero Rocha, University of Granada
- 12.00-12.45 Round Table discussions:
How to manage the Erasmus Work Placements**
- 12.45-13.00 Conclusion of Workshop**

Thank you for your valuable participation!



Palazzo Bo is still today the premises of the central University building.

The University of Padua, which was established in 1222, is one of the oldest in the world (the second in Italy after Bologna University). Up to the last decade of the fifteenth century, the University was not housed in one fixed building. In 1493 the law students and then the arts students were transferred to a building previously occupied by a large and well – appointed inn at the sign of the Ox, called “Hospitium Bovis”, from which the University still retains the name of “Bo”.

The edifice was gradually embellished, and finally was given its elegant and much admired courtyard, with the two tiers of columns, Ionic and Doric thanks to the work of the architect Andrea Moroni from Bergamo. Palazzo Bo is today still considered the finest example of Renaissance architecture in Padua.

Palazzo Bo keeps several places of great historical value: the anatomy theatre (1594), which is the oldest in the world, the 14th century Medicine room, Galilei’s chair, the Aula Magna and the 16th century oldcloister, both decorated by students and professor’s coats of arms, the statues of Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia, the world’s first female graduate (1678).



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