

WiSaR

WiSaR – Regional Economy-oriented Strategies for Lifelong Learning

Initial Situation of the Project

Economies are involved in broad changes and therefore work-accompanying, respectively lifelong-learning processes are more important as ever before to comply this situation.

This concerns people as well as organizations and characterizes our knowledge-based societies.

WiSaR is engaged in this topic on a regional level and tries to relate on regional specifics (labour market, economic structure, regional strengths, etc.) to develop strategies and to anchor the topic of LLL in the region.



The first phase was characterized by organizing and accomplishing focus-groups as well as by the development of a strategy paper for “Regional Economy-oriented Lifelong Learning”. In addition to the strategy paper, we also prepared methods¹ to perform analysis of educational requirements in the region. These methods are currently in a pilot phase and will be implemented into each organization after life span of the project

“Dimitra” Institute of Training and Development, successfully implemented two round tables with representatives of local society and economy (Educational Institutions, Organizations of formal and informal education, businessmen, representatives of associations of employers and workers, employment services, etc.). Through this action has been developed a strategy paper for “Regional Economy-oriented Lifelong Learning” (Region of Thessaly), which includes:

- The European guidelines and national policy for Lifelong Learning.
- The characteristics of the local economy, strengths and weaknesses and main axes of development in the region of Thessaly.
- The quality and quantity of human resources in the region, as well as the providers of education and training.
- The way in which regional LLL strategy attuned to the regional development strategy
- The development of an informal network of lifelong learning,

In the immediate future by applying the Delphi method, through questionnaires, our organization will finalize the strategy document that has been developed, with a view to match the needs of the labor market, with courses and skills provided by education and training providers.

¹ You find the strategy papers as well as the method papers under:
<http://www.wisar.eu/en/download-area/>

Future Prospects

The last milestone of **WiSaR**-project will be the final conference on January 27th 2011 in Fohnsdorf. Each project partner will present together with experts the project outcomes and also the implementation of these outcomes into the region. Further details will follow!

It will also be an important task, to establish a regional network on the topic of LLL, and to continue working on this after the project.

Duration of the Project

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