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European LEONARDO DA VINCI Contact Seminar 2005 in Vienna The Aims of Maastricht in Practice

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

The aims of the Maastricht Communiqué and putting these into practice, are themes which are necessary to tackle for the further development of vocational training policies throughout Europe. LEONARDO DA VINCI as the vocational training programme of the European Union funds the development of new innovative approaches in vocational training within European project partnerships. To extract the potentials of LEONARDO DA VINCI in contributing to the Aims of Maastricht, the LEONARDO DA VINCI National Agency Austria is organising a European LEONARDO DA VINCI Contact Seminar.

We kindly invite you to participate in the

European LEONARDO DA VINCI Contact Seminar 2005 The Aims of Maastricht in Practice

**29 - 30 June 2005
Hotel Crowne Plaza
Wagramer Straße 21, 1220 Vienna
Austria.**

During the LEONARDO DA VINCI Contact Seminar the transfer of the Aims of Maastricht into LEONARDO DA VINCI projects will be addressed. Five Working Groups dealing with topics such as “Transparency of Qualifications”, “Quality”, “New Forms of Learning”, “Transfer of Innovation” and “Language Teaching and Learning” will cover these issues and give you the possibility to develop and discuss LEONARDO DA VINCI project ideas which fit into the framework of the Aims of Maastricht. Likewise, the seminar will promote networking activities and contacts between institutions across Europe.

A further topic of the LEONARDO DA VINCI Contact Seminar in Vienna will be the discussion on strategies and approaches for the use and implementation of existing LEONARDO DA VINCI results and products.

Europe is on the verge of launching a new programme generation on lifelong learning of which our LEONARDO DA VINCI programme will be an integrated part of. It is a major concern for us, to keep you, as a potential user of the European programmes, up to date with the latest developments and therefore would like to inform you about the aims and targets of the new programme generation.

Another highlight of the Contact Seminar will be experts, sharing their knowledge on key factors for effective management mechanisms for your LEONARDO DA VINCI project.

Please find more detailed information about the Seminar in the enclosed programme.

We have foreseen several possibilities for your active contribution during the seminar:

- **Call for project ideas in the field of “Transparency”, “Quality”, “New Forms of Learning”, “Transfer of Innovation” and “Language Teaching and Learning” in Vocational Training:**

If you are planning to submit a LEONARDO DA VINCI project proposal or have an idea but are not yet sure whether it might be possible under LEONARDO DA VINCI, we offer you the possibility to present your idea at the seminar in the respective Working Group in order to find your way to a successful LEONARDO DA VINCI project. For the presentation of your idea we kindly ask you to send us your proposal **by 15 June 2005 the latest** (by using the enclosed form “**Call for Project Ideas**”).

- **Breakfast with your project idea:**

For deepening the discussion and developing your project idea beyond the Working Groups and for getting into closer contact with potential project partners, we offer you open space during breakfast on the second day of the Seminar. In small groups (that you define yourself) you will have the opportunity to work together with interested institutions on your project idea.

The breakfast will be followed by practical tips given by the National Agency on how to submit a successful application.

- **Presentation of successful, already finalized LEONARDO DA VINCI products and results:**

We are also organising a product exhibition. In case that you are co-ordinator or partner in an already completed LEONARDO DA VINCI project (application round 2000, 2001 or 2002), you have the possibility to present your final products and inform about their implementation in the national training systems. If you are interested in a project presentation please indicate this in the “**Project Registration Form**” (see enclosure).

Registration:

For registering for the seminar please send the enclosed “**Participant Registration Form**” to the LEONARDO DA VINCI National Agency **by 15 June 2005 the latest**.

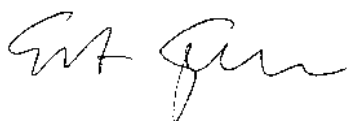
The conference language is English.

The conference costs will be borne by the National Agency. Travel and accommodation costs must be paid by the participants.

In case you need accommodation, we kindly ask you to **directly** contact the conference hotel or one of the other hotels provided on the enclosed hotel list (see **enclosure “Hotel List”**). Please note that there are special room rates when referring to LEONARDO DA VINCI. Please make your room reservation as soon as possible as there is a major world congress taking place at the same time in Vienna and accommodation might be in short supply.

We are very much looking forward to your active participation in the seminar.

Yours sincerely,



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