

IMPRESSION LLL-FORUM LEIDO – 28 MAY 2015

As the last of the forums that are part of the LLL HUB project the Dutch LLL-Forum was held on May 28 in Amersfoort-Schothorst. The meeting was in the afternoon with 18 experts around LLL in the Netherlands, with the right experiences and the necessary contacts to have a solid basis for the discussion. In the morning, a pre-forum was held, to talk about some specific issues, and which of those 18 experts, there were 12 of them pulled up to make the connection with the LLL Forum. Subject of the pre-forum was the introduction of new qualifications at level 5 of the NLQF and hence the EQF. This can contribute to increasing the flexibility of learning pathways and thereby the way in which an individual can take part in 'lifelong learning'. For a new type referred to here LEIDO has taken the lead, providing with this pre-forum an excellent opportunity to test how certain groups feel about the developments. The conclusion is that there is taken a clear step, with useful suggestions to go on in the coming year.

The LLL Forum offered, after short introductions about the project and the conclusions of the report on the 'state of play' in the Netherlands regarding LLL, four sessions on the themes that are mentioned in the LLL HUB Project. The approach here was the question of whether it is possible to bring together all parties in the Netherlands in a LLL Platform (DUCIS-LLL) as the interlocutor of the Dutch government.

Together with the representatives of those parties, including NRTO (private education), Learn for Life (informal education), NCP NLQF, NL3H (Higher Professional Education) and other expert groups, we can conclude that this approach provides a good opportunity. In addition, partners representing the Dutch industry need to get a place, in a way to be determined, given the complex structure of the labor market.

The basis for a DUCIS-LLL (following a LLL HUB) must be in any case: the importance of the individual as learner, seeking opportunities for the individual and the company he or she is working for, to consider how the society and the economy as a whole can benefit from that. This recommendation will be further elaborated in our State of Play, looking back on a successful LLL Forum.