



COMPASS Final Dissemination Event (40th EUCEN Conference, Lille), 19. November 2010
The Charter: Commitments on National policies / State of play

*The workshop “**Commitments on National Policies State of Play**” is one of two workshops related to the outcomes of the one year COMPASS-Project. This session focuses explicitly on the results of the national policies analyses and the overall situation of governmental activities regarding the commitments of the University Charter - whereas the other workshop is related to the commitments of Higher Education Institutions.*

In the paradigm shift towards a European Lifelong Learning Area, two crucial challenges currently confront HE. Firstly there is a widening gap between the policy making process of LLL at European level with statements from various stakeholders. Secondly project results like BeFlex and BeFlex+ indicate that there is a stunning diversity of LLL activities at HE level, while at the same time only a minority of universities have been fully engaged in the process of integrating LLL into their institutional missions and strategies to continue the shift from University LLL activities to genuine LLL Universities as part of a overarching knowledge system for LLL. Moreover, this unbalanced constellation is adversely consolidated through the low commitment of Member States concerning LLL in HE (e.g. the Progress reports on Education & Training 2010, national reports on Adult Education Plan).

The COMPASS project is addressing these challenges by using the 10 commitments for Governments in the European Universities Charter on LLL analyzing the current state of play on federal/national policies in Europe.

In the analyses process the consortium members contacted Ministries and federal/national authorities, interviewing key experts and representatives. Furthermore, main policy documents were reviewed and on this basis a national report was composed.

During the workshop, the interim results of the transversal analysis of the national reports will be presented and key questions will be discussed:

1. What are key LLL-policies and how did they evolve?
2. Which differences and similarities appear concerning the LLL-policies on a national scale?
3. What are overall priorities, success stories and threats?
4. Which trends and future perspectives can be identified?

In a second step, the discussion among EUCEN members and all participants of the workshops will be continued towards the further impact of the project:

- How can these results provoke discussions on the policy level on a regional/national/European scale?
- How can this data be used for recommendations for the further development and elaboration of comprehensive and coherent LLL-strategies?

The results of the discussion will feed the reflection process for the project consortium contributing to promote the wider and deeper implementation of the Charter.