



PL4SD
peer learning for the
social dimension

Progress of PL4SD

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Objective: facilitate peer learning to improve the Social Dimension

1. **Online database** with information from Ministries and stakeholders about measures within the social dimension
2. **Country reviews** to assist countries in the development of a coherent, comprehensive and effective national strategy for improving the social dimension
3. **Conferences** to stimulate peer learning



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@ online database

- First round of data collection among Ministries finished
- More than 100 measures from >20 countries collected
- First round of data collection among stakeholders just starting (till end of the year)
- Screening of scientific literature and national reports on the social dimension on-going
- Going public of the database (pl4sd.eu): **Early 2014**



Examples of measures collected

- Alternative entrance exams for students with disabilities
- Quota places for students from ethnic minorities or other disadvantaged groups
- Right for parental leave + parental grant
- Disability Support Service providing assistive technologies, counselling and educational support
- Grant for accommodation
- Entrance exams in mother tongues and preparatory courses in teaching language for students from ethnic minorities
- Active guidance policy for every secondary school student, including targeted mentoring of certain groups of students



- Goal: to facilitate coherent national strategy development and evaluation for improving the social dimension of higher education for 3 countries
- Non-formal confirmations of participation: Lithuania and Croatia; two countries pending (Romania and Armenia); many countries declined formally
- Selected countries and next steps will be discussed with the BFUG WG SD LLL next week in Ghent
- Site visits March, June, September 2014 (tbc)
 - Will be preceded by a Background Report from project team
 - Site visits will be with project team as secretariat and external experts as assessors
- Final reports June, September, December 2014 (tbc)



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@ conferences

- **Interim conference: 2.4.2014 in Vienna**
 - Invitation of BFUG, Ministries, Stakeholders following soon
 - Presentation of
 - exemplary measures
 - first country review
 - key notes
 - Workshops about experiences with certain measures



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- **Final conference together with EUROSTUDENT:
February 2015 in Vienna**
- BFUG, Ministries, stakeholders, scientific community, media
- PL4SD
 - Pattern of social dimension measures in EHEA
 - Exemplary measures, exchange of experiences
 - Lessons learned from country reviews (developing a strategy)
 - Scientific inputs
- Final Report of EUROSTUDENT V
 - The social and economic conditions of student life in Europe
 - Data from around 30 countries



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As a part of the Bologna Process, the ministers responsible for higher education from all 47 member countries committed to foster the international exchange of practices and experiences relating to the social dimension of higher education (Bucharest Communiqué, 2012).

The objective of the PL4SD project is to address this need for "peer learning" and to provide policy-makers and practitioners with resources to develop effective measures for improving the social dimension of the European Higher Education Area.



NEWS

First newsletter is online
2013-08-05

The first round of data collection with ministries has started. After the summer, national stakeholders will be invited to provide measures as well.

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