

The 2011-12 Work Programme will examine how guidance as an integral element contributes to EU sectoral policy areas, e.g. schools, VET, higher education, adult education, employment and social inclusion. The aim is to shift the ELGPN activities from conceptual work to policy implementation with more structured co-operation with other sectors. This work will be drawn from previous ELGPN phases with national examples.

CEDEFOP – European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training

<http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/EN/>

CEDEFOP, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, established in 1975, is a European agency that helps promote and develop vocational education and training in the European Union (EU). It is the EU's reference centre for vocational education and training. Cedefop was one of the first specialised and decentralised agencies set up to provide scientific and technical know-how in specific fields and promote exchanges of ideas between different European partners. Cedefop works to promote a European area of lifelong learning throughout an enlarged EU. It does this by providing information and analysis on vocational education and training systems, policies, research and practice.

ReferNet

www.cedefop.europa.eu/EN/about-cedefop/networks/refernet/index.aspx

ReferNet is a network created by Cedefop in 2002 to provide information on national vocational education and training (VET) systems and policies in Member States, Iceland and Norway. This information is displayed in Cedefop databases and is used for comparative studies. At country level it gives valuable insights into national VET systems. The network builds upon national consortia in each partner country. Every consortium is led by a coordinating institution and consists of key organisations involved in VET activities, including social partners.

The Observatory for Educational Development

www.observatory.org.hu/en/?page_id=2

In Hungary the Observatory for Educational Development coordinates Refernet related affairs. The Observatory for Educational Development conducts information collection and analysis, development and networking activities aiming at contributing to the development of vocational education and training.

Useful links and documents related to guidance and counselling

Project database of the Euroguidance network:

www.euroguidance.net/?page_id=3159

Overview of European guidance system on the Euroguidance website:

www.euroguidance.net/?page_id=576

European education systems:

https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/mwikis/eurydice/index.php/Main_Page

CEDEFOP project database:

<http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/EN/about-cedefop/projects.aspx>

CEDEFOP publications on guidance and counselling:

<http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/EN/publications.aspx>

Leonardo da Vinci programme projects and results:

www.adam-europe.eu

Information database of the Lifelong Learning Programme:

www.kslll.net

EVE database of the European Commission (Culture, Youth, Lifelong Learning):

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/eve/

Guidance services within the Hungarian compulsory education and VET system:

www.iccdpp.org/Portals/1/HU%20Guidance%20services%20in%20ed%20and%20vet%20_en.doc

National LLG Council:

Policy statement concerning the development of a national system of lifelong guidance/counselling harmonised with EU requirements:

www.iccdpp.org/Portals/1/HU%20Policy%20Statement%20on%20LLG.pdf

Council Resolution on strengthening policies, systems and practices in the field of guidance throughout life in Europe (2004):

http://ec.europa.eu/education/policies/2010/doc/resolution2004_en.pdf

Council Resolution on better integrating lifelong guidance into lifelong learning strategies - 2905th EDUCATION, YOUTH AND CULTURE Council meeting Brussels, 21 November 2008:

www.consilium.europa.eu/ueDocs/cms_Data/docs/pressData/en/educ/104236.pdf

DECISION No 1720/2006/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 15 November 2006 establishing an action programme in the field of lifelong learning:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2006:327:0045:0068:en:PDF>

GREEN PAPER: Promoting the learning mobility of young people:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2009:0329:FIN:EN:PDF>

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Introduction

Euroguidance Hungary started operating in Szeged in 2000 in the framework of the Leonardo da Vinci Programme of the European Commission. Presently it operates as a unit of the National Employment Service and the National Labour Office. During the period of 2007-2013 the European Union background is provided by the Lifelong Learning Programme. The main objectives of the centre are to support vocational guidance, lifelong learning and international mobility, promote Hungarian and international counselling projects as well as language learning and employability.

On our website, www.npk.hu and www.euroguidance.hu you can find lots of information on European education opportunities, higher education institutions as well as on vocational trainings. Visitors can also gain information on the conditions of entering the tertiary education and on the mutual recognition of qualifications.

Guidance in Hungary

In Hungary guidance activities and development are overseen by both the Ministry for the National Economy and the Ministry of National Resources. Since establishing the European Lifelong Guidance Policy Network (ELGPN) at EU level, and with the start of the SROP 2.2.2. programme, national developments have been given a new impetus. The Hungarian LLG Council (Nemzeti Pályaorientációs Tanács, NPT) was founded in January 2008, its members include the representatives of the relevant ministries and different organisations related to guidance and counselling. More information about the Hungarian LLG Council can be found at: <http://eletpalya.munka.hu/web/eletpalya-folyoirat/npt>

Guidance and counselling services in Hungary – Overview:

Type of guidance service	Provided by	Clients/ Target group	Responsibility and administrative control	More information
Career guidance and counselling services				
Career information, training and career guidance, career counselling, self-service information provision	National Labour Office /National Employment Service – county government offices, Network of Employment Information Guidance Centres (FIT), 20 centres in the country, occupational folders are available at local branch offices	All age groups	Ministry for National Economy (Nemzetgazdasági Minisztérium)	www.munka.hu

Career information	Career centres / career offices of higher education institutions	University/college students, students entering higher education	Ministry of National Resources (Nemzeti Erőforrás Minisztérium)	Career offices of various universities and colleges, http://karrier.hook.hu (Round Table of Hungarian Career Offices), list of Hungarian higher education institutions: http://www.felvi.hu/for_foreigners
Information on higher education, career counselling and career planning	Hungarian Higher Education Information Centre	Secondary school/ university/college students	EDUCATIO Társadalmi Szolgáltató Nonprofit Kft.	www.felvi.hu
e-guidance (Online study and labour market information, career orientation questionnaires, chat rooms with guidance professionals)	National Guidance Portal (e-guidance portal)	Primary and secondary school students, young adults, unemployed	National Labour Office (Nemzeti Munkaügyi Hivatal)	http://eletpalya.munka.hu
Career counselling / online counselling, methodological centre for counsellors	Higher Education Counselling Association (Felsőoktatási Tanácsadás Egyesület)	University and college students, young adults	Higher Education Counselling Association (Felsőoktatási Tanácsadás Egyesület)	www.feta.hu
Guidance, self-service information provision (primarily concerning studying abroad)	National Labour Office/Euroguidance Hungary	High school/ university/college students, young adults	National Labour Office (Nemzeti Munkaügyi Hivatal)	www.euroguidance.hu
EU labour market guidance	European Employment Service – EURES	All age groups seeking employment in EU countries	National Labour Office (Nemzeti Munkaügyi Hivatal)	http://ec.europa.eu/eures/
Career education				
Career orientation, guidance and counselling, career orientation training programmes	Türr István Training and Research Centre (Türr István Képző és Kutató Intézet)	Young adults, unemployed, disadvantaged groups, Roma people	Ministry of National Resources (Nemzeti Erőforrás Minisztérium)	www.tkki.hu
Career guidance, counselling	Accredited Private Adult Training Companies	Adults enrolled in LLL projects	Ministry for National Economy (Nemzetgazdasági Minisztérium), National Labour Office/Directorate of Vocational and Adult Education (Nemzeti Munkaügyi Hivatal Szakképzési és Felnőttképzési Igazgatóság)	www.nqm.gov.hu www.munka.hu
Individualised Career Counselling				
Career guidance/ counselling	Labour Centres	Unemployed/ employed people, students studying in public education	County Government Offices	www.munka.hu

Counselling and guidance service providers:

For *primary and secondary school* students career guidance is a separate field of development. According to the National Core Curriculum (2012), career guidance is included in other fields of development such as life management and practical skills. It is not offered as a separate subject.

Introduced with World Bank support, vocational orientation has been part of the *secondary vocational school's* curriculum since the 1990s. Vocational orientation is also part of the *trade school's* curriculum, career education has been an obligatory subject in grade 9 since 2006. More information on the new VET legislation and the content of vocational orientation (85. §) is available at the following link: <http://www.magyarokzlony.hu/pdf/11406>.

The Higher Education Act 2006 makes it obligatory for the *higher education* institutions to provide academic and career counselling for their students and conduct follow-up studies. The majority of higher education institutions offer such services in the form of career centres. Their availability and the level of services provided are improving continually. The core tasks of the *labour centres* and their branch offices operating under the National Employment Service (Nemzeti Foglalkoztatási Szolgáltató, NFSZ) include not only employment and job-search counselling but also guidance, career and psychological counselling, as well as information provision on training opportunities. The services are available for both employees and job seekers.

In 1994 a network of *employment information centres* (Foglalkozási Információs Tanácsadó, FIT) was established based on the German BIZ system. The FIT centres offer direct access to various resources, such as films and information folders on occupations.

Euroguidance Hungary started operating in 2000 as part of the European Commission's Euroguidance Network to support guidance and mobility. Currently it is operating under the National Labour Office and its main tasks include collecting and providing information on European mobility and training possibilities. Both the FIT centres and Euroguidance Hungary support self-service information.

Some *training and local non-profit institutions* provide guidance and counselling services as part of their training programmes. In addition several *county cultural centres* and *family assistance offices* offer career guidance services.

Source: Cedefop/Refernet (2011) VET in Hungary: Country Report http://www.observatory.org.hu/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/HU_VET_in_Europe_2011_final.pdf, p. 88-89.

Target groups

According to the 2011 VET in Europe – Country Report, the Hungarian guidance and counselling services are available for the following target groups:

- pupils in primary schools (choosing a career path and appropriate secondary school);
- students in upper secondary education (choosing a higher education or a vocational programme);
- parents of school children;
- career-starters;
- job-seekers;
- adults who need to be further/retrained (e.g. older or low-skilled workers);
- adults planning to participate in further vocational/professional training;
- adults in need of career-affirmation or career support;
- inactive adults planning to return to the world of work.

For the Roma and people with disabilities, several national or regional programmes offer specialised services, and the NGOs excel in providing counselling services for students with learning difficulties or mental health problems. Since in Hungary the number of migrants is not significant, there are no institutionalised services for them, only a few NGOs offer counselling services for the migrants (e.g. Artemisszió Foundation). The National Public Employment Foundation (Országos Foglalkoztatási Közalapítvány, OFA) ran a programme in 2009 to train 300-400 rehabilitation mentors, who are currently employed by the National Employment Service and private service providers.

Source: CEDEFOP/Refernet (2011) VET in Hungary: Country Report http://www.observatory.org.hu/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/HU_VET_in_Europe_2011_final.pdf, p. 88-89.

Guidance in Europe

ELGPN – European Lifelong Guidance Policy Network

<http://ktl.jyu.fi/ktl/elgpn>

The European Lifelong Guidance Policy Network aims to assist the European Union Member States and the Commission in moving European cooperation on lifelong guidance forward in both the education and the employment sectors. The purpose is to promote cooperation at Member State level on lifelong guidance and to propose appropriate structures and support mechanisms in implementing the priorities identified in the Resolutions on Lifelong Guidance (2004, 2008). The ELGPN was established by the Member States and the Commission is supporting the activities of the network in 2007-2010 under the Lifelong Learning Programme.

The main aim during the initial phase 2008 was to establish the network infrastructure and through the peer learning activities to identify in more details the areas of guidance where national developments can be enhanced by means of the ELGPN. During the second phase 2009-10 the work was shifting to thematic activities. The first ELGPN report was published in September 2010.