



# European Study visit

“Towards better cooperation between  
schools, companies and local  
communities”

Group 139

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Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme



's-Hertogenbosch, centre of the Earth....



Netherlands



's-Hertogenbosch, a closer look...



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# Passion...





# Vision





# Action



I'm not lazy  
I'm just on my  
energy  
saving mode





Aim:

Realisation of a well  
functioning labourmarket





# Important stakeholders education and labourmarket:

- Companies
- Schools
- Local Government

## Leading role local government

**Characteristics** department Youth and education municipality 's-Hertogenbosch:

- Taking the lead;
- Pro-active;
- Entrepreneurial spirit;
- Building networks with stakeholders;
- Diagnosis of outside world as starting point to make policy;
- Joint responsibility.



## Leading role local government

**Main aims:** department Youth and education  
municipality 's-Hertogenbosch:

- Prevention early schoolleaving;
- Decreasing youth unemployment;
- Raising quality of education.



**Important regular meetings with schools:**

**Municipality with management primary schools;**

**Municipality with schooldirectors of secondary schools;**

**Municipality with management VET and Higher Vocational education.**

## Important regular meetings companies:

- Ambassadorsnetwork....
- Regional meetings with schoolmanagement, companies and municipalities





- Together with directors secondary education (DOVO) we defined 16 topics, like:
- Entrepreneurial spirit / entrepreneurship;
  - Competence based learning;
  - New generation;
  - Leading role municipality education and labourmarket;
  - Ongoing learning pathways;
  - Guiders of learningprocess;
  - Quality improvement professionals;
  - Careerorientation and careerguidance;
  - Promotion Technique.



## Municipality stimulates the improvement of these topics:

- By giving subsidy out of the local youth and educationplan 2010-2014;
- By writing applications in Leonardo da Vinci and Comeniusprograms; municipality acts very often as projectcoordinator in LdV partnerships, LdV TOI and Comenius regio
- Now we are composing new applications under ERASMUS+ program

## 7 running projects at this moment:

Fund	Period	Name project
Leonardo Partnership	2012-2014	STEPbeyond
Comenius Regio	2012-2014	CHAIN
Leonardo Transfer of innovation	2012-2014	BLUE
Leonardo Partnership	2012-2014	HELP
Leonardo Partnership	2013-2015	PracMob
Youth in Action	2013-2014	How well you(th) know the EU
Leonardo Transfer of Innovation	2013-2015	Second Chance



The link.....

All these EU-programmes deal with the transition from school to work.

With all stakeholders in the field of education and labourmarket we try to focus on the realisation of a well functioning labourmarket



## Most important stakeholders:

- Companies;
- Employersorganisations (like BZW);
- Knowledgecentres (SBB);
- Labouroffice (UWV werkbedrijf);
- Schools: (primary schools, vocational secondary schools, vocational educational training (KW1C), higher vocational education (Avans), universities;
- Municipality.



## Some principles of regional management

Cooperation between schools, companies and local government;

Demand of companies on actual and future staff (HRM) is leading;

**Responsibility addressed to partners.**

## Regional management & coordination:

Some key-activities:

- Demand orientated employers approach;
- HRM-policy companies;
- Labourmarket information (company X);
- Careerorientation and careerguidance.

## Very important topic: Careerorientation – careerguidance (LOB).

35% of early schoolleaving is caused by a lack of good career guidance.  
Focus on this topic will decrease early schoolleaving and youthunemployment.

Actual and future labourmarketinformation is crucial to prepare youngsters for transition from school to work!



Pilot “LOB” with 7 schools, further development

Leonardo TOI BLUE.....

Jeroen Bosch College (secondary education)

Sint Jan’s Lyceum(secondary education)

Piersaconcollege(secondary education)

Baanderherencollege (secondary education)

Rietlanden(secondary education)

Koning Willem 1 College (Vocational education)

Avans (higher vocational education)

**Other participants:**

CINOP, PSW, Local government, UWV  
(labouroffice), Philips, **Finland and Austria**



## Central key-points “LOB”

1. The student is central, development of selfsteering

Studychoice, careerchoice is closely connected to future perspective; insight in capacities, qualities, interests and ambitions, it's all about individual talents.

Parents play an important role.



## Central key-points “LOB”

2. Ongoing learning pathway (from primary education – secondary education – VET – higher vocational education – university)

Joint policy within teams in schools;  
Management facilitates professionals;  
Cooperation with other schools (vertical and horizontal);  
Competence profile



## Central key-points “LOB”

### 3. Cooperation with local and regional companies

“World of work” in the schools;  
Schools visit “the world of work”;  
Learning by doing.



## Priorities 2014-2020....

On going learning pathway from  
primary school-secondary school-  
**Vocational Education Training-Higher  
Vocational education-University...**



**Careerorientation and career guidance  
Promotion technique (studies)  
Entrepreneurship-entrepreneurial spirit**

Somebody still awake for further questions?

