

II. Activity Report

This activity report is used to inform about the operation's implementation in general, the progress towards the set objectives and of project parts financed from other funding sources as well as publicities measures and problems encountered.

1. Summary of the operation's activities so far

Please provide a brief overall summary of the operation's activities and achievements from the start of the operation till now. Information shall be provided on the main activities, achieved results and produced outputs, as well as on the development of the partnership. It is advised that this field is filled in after the rest of the Progress Report has been completed.

Note that this summary information will be published at the Programme's website. Thus it should be easy readable, self-explanatory and without references to other parts of the reporting form or other documents.

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The EdGATE Vision – MOBILITY for Europe – a MOBILE Europe - The European Regional College. A modern united Europe needs MOBILITY. One of the main aims of the EdGATE Project is to develop a new educational concept for a European Regional College (ERC) that will enable European students aged 6 – 18 to become mobile in a united Europe of tomorrow. The ERC concept will have three main emphases: mobility of communication; mobility of thinking; mobility of interaction. EdGATE, inspired by these challenges, has brought together regions from all over Europe to exchange knowledge and experience in the fields of education and regional development. This exchange will lead to the joint development of a concept for a new type of European school: the ERC. EdGATE started its operative activities on 6-7 Dec 04 in Vienna with the constitution of the Steering Committee (SC), consisting of one Partner Representative (PR) per partner institution and the partner institution Finance Managers (FM)

(2-day; 11PR&9FM=21). The SC, focussing on the operation's content as well as financial reporting, met again with the Regional Coordinators (RC) on 21 Feb 05 (1-day; 13PR&11RC=24) and 17 Oct 05 (1-day; 2LP&9PR=11) in Vienna to monitor the development of the project. Amongst other business, the Operation Manual, describing the necessary organisational, infrastructural, logistical, financial, and information and publicity measures, was finalised. An important milestone was reached when Regional Stakeholders (RS) from the partner regions met for the first time in Vienna on 22 Feb 05 (1-day; 13PR&11RC&6RS=30) to present their regional economic and structural situations. The next meeting with the same topic, and including Extended Regional Stakeholders (XRS) from the partner regions, was on 18 Oct 05 in Vienna (1-day; 2LP&9PR&6RS&4XRS=21). Regional Experts (RE) met at two Priority Area Workshops on 2-3 May 05 in Schwerin focusing on: social inclusion, gender mainstreaming, quality

assurance and teacher education (2-day; WS1-8RE; WS2-7RE=15RE). Work was carried out on the first part of the Best Practice Manual. The 1st European Regional College (ERC) Conference where Regional Experts from the partner regions worked together with an External Expert (EE) on a first framework of the ERC concept took place on 6-7 Jun 05 in Vienna (2-day; 1LP&8RE&1EE=10). The development of the ERC concept was successfully continued at the 2nd ERC Conference in Cracow on 7-8 Nov 05 (2-day; 1LP&8RE=9). Publicity-wise the project was presented at a press conference on 15 Dec 04 in Vienna and at the EdGATE Kick Off Meeting in Vienna with over 60 participants on 24 May 05. The homepage was launched on 24 May 05 with an average of 1600 hits per month and in total 22 press articles in national and foreign press media were published and four radio programmes broadcast.