

SOS-NETWORK



SOS-NETWORK SEMINAR 24th APRIL 2013

On 24 April the SOS Network hosted a very successful seminar 'Drop-outs or Push-outs?' in Brussels. Interesting and fruitful discussions took place - all with the focus of preventing early school leaving. App. 60 people participated and contributed to the discussions that took place in smaller groups.

The seminar was split up into three sections. The opening section presented different approaches to early school leaving as well as what the SOS Network stands for and what it intends. Aline Jürges from the European Commission presented recent initiatives going on at the EU level. Three regional and EU-funded projects on early school leaving were presenting examples and concrete outcomes, and they were each used for setting the scene for the three workshops on early school leaving. Finally, some main aspects of the discussions in the smaller groups were presented to the audience, wrapping up an interesting afternoon.

Outcome of the discussions as well as recommendations on the future of the SOS-network has since been presented in a small report available for the public. Please find at link to it here below.

Please find the presentations, list of participants and the programme below.

Please also follow the below link for the film presented by Ms Regine Schröder from WorkAble:

<http://www.sosnetwork.eu/content/workable-making-capabilities-work>

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SOS-NETWORK 3rd PROJECT MEETING

The 3rd meeting of the Project was held on April 2013 in Pistoia (Italy) and the team discuss and prepared the next steps of the Project, including the identification of methods and tools as they can be identified in the interesting cases, and the testing of some of these methods and tools in different learning environments. Both, the methods and tools and the recommendations and outcome of the testing, will be made available on the SOS-website.

Testing means to try out the method in a new learning environment or in a new country; this will not be a scientific testing, but the partnership of the SOS-Network will have to request the schools, training centres, job centres, work places and other stakeholders being involved to use the method for a certain period of time as described on the website.

The **objective** is to assess whether the method is transferable and applicable in other learning environments and countries than where it has been identified.

Further more, some schools or training centres might already use some of the methods that the partnership identified. Their feedback and suggestions for adaptations will be very valuable in the SOS-Network. The **main objective** of this type of testing is therefore **to learn if the description at the SOS-portal is clear and understandable**, but also **to learn if the method can be even better** by for instance changing the set-up a little bit.

In August-September 2013 the testing will get started.



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