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INTECS Network building – project

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Where do we come from?

- From Rovaniemi, Finnish Lapland
- Sports related education in our home region:
  - Ounasvaara Senior High School Specialized in Sports - 103 athletes
  - Rovaniemi Municipal Federation of Education
    - Lapland Vocational College - 41 athletes
    - Education Centre of Santasport Institute - 22 athletes
    - Rovaniemi University of Applied Sciences (RAMK) - 34 athletes
  - University of Lapland - 23 athletes
  - 12 Non-students
  - Overall 235 athletes



Where do we come from?

- Lapland Sports Academy is a training and education system in the region
  - Academy is a network organization
  - Network of educational institutions and co-operating partners
  - Coordinative organization is Santasport Institute
  - Activity is concentrated in Ounasvaara
- Rovaniemi area has excellent facilities for sports and especially winter sports! Both
  - In terms of natural conditions AND
  - In terms of built training infrastructure

Ounasvaaran lukio
Ounasvaaran urheilulukio

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About INTECS Network building project

- In INTECS network there are 9 winter sports institutions from 9 EU member states:
  - Rovaniemi University of Applied Sciences, Finland
  - Luleå Technical University, Sweden
  - Comenius University Bratislava, Slovakia
  - Schi Gymnasium Stams, Austria
  - University of Tartu, Estonia
  - University of Maribor, Slovenia
  - North-West Regional Development Agency, Romania
  - Academy of Physical Education in Gdansk, Poland
  - Oberschulzentrum “Claudia von Medici” Mals, Italy
- Main aim: to build cooperative network between winter sports institutions in Europe, Network works to face common challenge: how to better facilitate ”dual career ” in winter sports

What we have already done?

1) Network has been established
2) First meeting in Maribor (14.-18.6.2010) was successful
   - We learnt a lot from different European institutions in the field
   - We collected together main problems in ”dual career” in winter sports that each partner has faced
   - Major problems in this field are for example: Students absence from school because of training, gaps between different studying levels (ex.g. between high school and university) in how “dual career” is supported, absense of mentoring, lack of support from parents, different actors (students, parents, coaches, associations, other actors) having different interests, dependence on seasons, possible long distances to suitable training environments

What we have already done?

3) As a tool for knowledge gathering we have planned questionnaire that will focus on problems and good practises in winter sports in all our partner countries; TARGET GROUPS:

- Athletes: talented athletes who have ongoing sport career combined with studies (20 athletes /partner institution)
- Parents: parents of the athletes who have substantial interest towards the life-careers of the athletes (parents of the athletes that answered to the questionnaire)
- Organizations closely linked with winter sports “dual career”: firstly questionnaire will be filled by INTECS partner institutions, and secondly by 5 of their stakeholders (meaning 5 organizations, and 4 persons will fill out the questionnaire in each institution)

What we are going to do during autumn?

1) Second meeting in Finland, Rovaniemi in 15.-18.11.2010 (related also to Levi WC in alpine skiing)
   - In the meeting:
     - Results of the questionnaire (9 EU winter sports institutions) are introduced and discussed
     - Good practises in partner institutions are discussed
     - FUTURE is planned: how to solve the problems and disseminate the good practises in ”dual career”
2) Reporting our results to European Commission, Sport Unit in our project’s final report


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Thank you!

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