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Lifelong Learning Programme E-learning in Community Care

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A THOROUGH E-LEARNING EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE EUROPEAN NURSES AND MIDWIVES

A TOPICAL PROJECT

On the eve of new reforms of the educational and health care systems in France, management consulting firm **MF & PARTNERS CONSULTING** has been chosen as a partner of the European innovation transfer project Leonardo **E-learning in Community Care** to ensure its economic development.

Replace the patient in the centre of the community care, by drawing inspiration from the best of the practices developed within the Europe, by improving the prevention, the education of the health care professionals and by applying health care methods that are necessary and understandable for every community member – these are the targets reasserted by the WHO and the European Union. To achieve them, it is necessary to improve the quality of the education of the healthcare professionals that is the point that has always been outlined in the Educational Policy of the European Union.

THE BEST SPECIALISTS FROM THE CENTRAL EUROPE IN THE SPHERE OF HEALTHCARE EDUCATION

The project was originated on the initiative of its coordinator, the **National Centre of Nursing and Other Health Professions in Brno**, Czech Republic.

Other partners are the **Faculty of Health Care & Health Education of The Medical University of Silesia**, situated in Katowice, Poland, and the **Department of the Faculty of Social Science and Health of the Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra**, Slovakia.

These partners from the Central Europe are national leaders of the education for healthcare professionals.

INNOVATION PROJECT THAT CONCERNS ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The principal aim of the two years project, ending in the end of 2009, but susceptible to continue in the private sector, is to develop an educational program for community healthcare specialists, based on e-learning modules diffused remotely with the use of ITC, in order to provide nurses and midwives with the most efficient training. Furthermore, other healthcare specialisations could eventually adopt this methodology.

E-learning educational modules for community health professionals are being elaborated by the best Czech, Polish and Slovakian educators and will afterward be remotely tested by nurses and midwives of these countries and also by their French colleagues. The association FORMATIC SANTE, a network for exchange and online education for healthcare professionals, will be in charge of the call for volunteers, organization of the tests and the inscription of all the professionals willing to participate and to benefit from the e-learning modules free of charge (www.formaticsanter.com). The test phase will take place in the end of 2008 – February 2009. Each course will be available in the national language of each participating country and in English, and may eventually be translated in other European languages, should any other member state, like France, be interested.

UNIVERSAL DIMENSION

Since the WHO Declaration of Alma Ata of 1978, there are more and more healthcare communities (e.g., public healthcare services, school healthcare systems, home healthcare, healthcare for workers, etc.) where nurses occupy a very important place, as they act within all the communities in question at the local, national and European levels. Nevertheless, there are but very few specialized training courses for nurses available and even fewer of those available remotely, while communities in need of adapted healthcare services do not cease to grow and become more and more diversified. The first of them, Family, may thus be traditional, reconstituted, single-parent, relating to gay parenting, having babies, teenagers, young adults, etc.

More information about the project is available in English and French on www.mfpartnersconsulting.com website, pages « European Projects » and « Projets Européens ».

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Want to learn more about the project or our firm? Interested by the program and its educational modules?

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