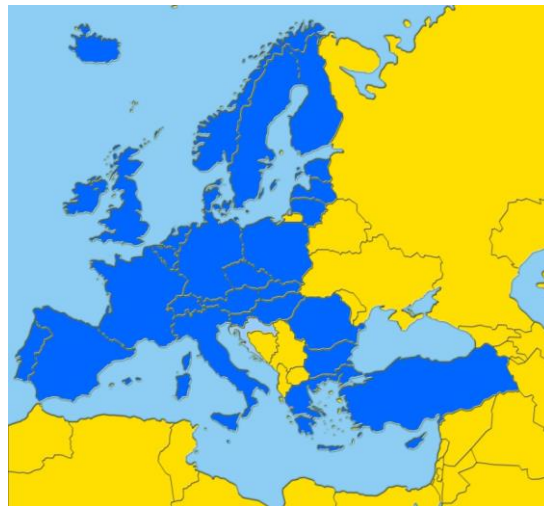




NetQues



*Network for Tuning Standards and Quality of Education programmes
in Speech and Language Therapy / Logopaedics across Europe*



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Take away action points from this Newsletter:

1. Please find the NetQues Project Report on the webpage <http://www.netques.eu/> under the heading "Project outcomes" and on the intranet under the heading "Dissemination of outcomes"
2. Please find the model article and the guidelines for publications/presenting the results and follow them in all your publications (http://intranet.netques.eu/?page_id=1118)
3. Please find the Poster and the Leaflet from the public website (Project outcomes) http://www.netques.eu/?page_id=946 or from the intranet (Dissemination of outcomes) http://intranet.netques.eu/?page_id=1118
4. Please keep WP6 informed of your dissemination and exploitation activities, using the template at http://intranet.netques.eu/?page_id=1118
5. You can still send information on examples of good practice in SLT-education to Evelijn Raven-Takken (evelijn.raven@hu.nl). You can find the template to do this on the intranet: <http://intranet.netques.eu/> under WP6.
6. If you still have claims to be sent, please complete them accurately with all attachments required and send ASAP.
7. Lead partners of work packages: please check that all your Minutes and other documents are available on the intranet.

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FROM Aileen Patterson, Project Coordinator

Dear colleagues and friends of NetQues

It is hard to believe that it is over three years since we began this ambitious project. In that time I hope you have all benefitted from the collegiality, new friendships, academic and professional liaisons that such a network has offered for the advancement of speech and language therapy education in Europe. Certainly, the feedback from partners and visitors at our final meeting in Ghent and from the returns already received of our partner feedback form, indicate that the efforts have been very worthwhile and we have achieved many positive outcomes.

The closing congress in Ghent

The closing congress "*Communication Unites Our Diversity*" was held on 26th - 27th September 2013 in the beautiful surroundings of Ghent, where one of the partners, Artevelde University College kindly provided their excellent conference facility with magnificent views of the city.



This set the scene for a busy but enjoyable and productive meeting. It was very well attended by partners and also visitors from other institutions and national associations as well as by some additional colleagues from partner institutions keen to learn about our work. The report and translations of the summary, key chapters and benchmarks are available at the public site www.netques.eu.

There was a great buzz of activity during the meeting and many good ideas were generated for continuing on the networking and making sure that the project is not seen as at its end but rather that it has been the catalyst for more collaborations and joint ventures, as well as reflections on our curricula, delivery of programmes and best practices. We are sure it will lead to more exciting new developments in speech and language therapy education. Presentations and minutes etc are on the intranet: <http://intranet.netques.eu>



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Report your dissemination and exploitation activities

It is really important that we do have your feedback and information on all your activities related to the project and its dissemination and exploitation of outcomes. **Please do continue** to keep us informed of all that you do that is related to the work and follow up of the project. I would ask you all to make sure you complete the forms sent to all partners (and available on the intranet) to allow us to log and share information on your activities.

Model article and guidelines for publications/presenting the results

On the intranet under “Dissemination of Outcomes” you will also find the model article and guidelines for publications/presenting the results as well as the full project report and an abridged version of it, which work package 5 prepared. It is essential that you follow these guidelines for referencing and use of logos, disclaimers and copyright (http://intranet.netques.eu/?page_id=1118).

Information the coordinator needs when preparing the final report to the sponsors

The final report to our sponsors is now being prepared and the project management steering group, coordinator and finance director will be very busy completing all the necessary documentation over the next month. You can all help by making sure you have **completed all your claims accurately** with all attachments required, and have **sent in all your feedback**. Please also check that all **minutes** of meetings of work packages/sub groups are complete and in the approved format and available on your section of the webpage.

It has been a pleasure to work together

This will be the last formal newsletter as the project has now run its course but of course you can still expect several e-mailings and no doubt some requests for information and final accounting! However I should like to take this opportunity of saying how great a pleasure it has been to work with you all and how I am so very encouraged by the enthusiasm of all in speech and language therapy across Europe whom I have had the privilege to get to know through this work. The friendships made, the amazing capacity of everyone involved to be open to new ideas and to share their own experiences and expertise with such grace and willingness has meant that these last three years or so have truly been a unique and memorable experience for me. Hopefully it has also been of value to all others involved and represents a landmark in the development of speech and language therapy education in Europe and the beginnings of even greater achievements in the profession we all value so highly.



Aileen Patterson

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Reports from Workpackages 4, 5 and 6

WP 4: Quality assurance of the management and outcomes of the project

According to plan, the NetQues project finished with the final meeting in Ghent in September 2013. Now all partners within the project and everyone interested in the results can have a look at the outcomes of the project on the NetQues web-page. Here, WP4 reports on the last steps of Quality Assurance in the project.

WP4 finalized the work of Quality Assurance with the third and last annual audit report. The lead partners of every WPT completed the self assessment checklist twice in 2013: in January and again in June. Based on these answers the WP4 compiled the annual audit report, which is, after approval by the PMSG, now available on the website together with the two annual audit reports from 2011 and 2012. Additionally, the WP4 developed a self assessment for every partner and compiled an overview of all answers that was sent to the PMSG in June 2013, with some conclusions. Difficulties regarding information and communication processes between partners are to be expected in such a huge pan-European project, but the high percentage of positive answers regarding communication (63.9 % reported no difficulties) shows the project functioned well, to a great extent.

Supporting the review process was the second task of WP4. Because of the very limited time at the end of the main work of the project, and its timing during the academic summer vacation period, the PMSG requested written feedback only from key stakeholders including some selected external experts of international repute. However, all project partners were able to give feedback and comment on the project outcomes in a workshop at the final meeting in September 2013. The results of this discussion are accessible for all partners on the internal part of the website in annex 2 of the minutes. The project outcomes (the executive summary, the project report and the annexes, especially the benchmarks) can now be read and reflected upon against the background of this feedback.

At the end of this inspiring project, WP4 would like to thank everyone for supporting the processes of Quality Assurance, especially the members of the PMSG and the lead partners of the other WPTs.

We are now looking forward to the future use of the results, to contributing to the enhancement of existing and evolving SLT educations across Europe, and to meeting each other again as participants of a great European Network.



On behalf of WP4

Monika Rausch

WP4 lead partner (P17 Deutscher Bundesverband für Logopädie)

WP 5: Dissemination

Although the most active stage of the NetQues project is over there is still some work for all of us to do. It is important to disseminate the project results and outcomes as widely as possible. It is nice to see that the project partners are actively disseminating the results in their own countries. Examples of different kinds of dissemination activities can be seen on the NetQues webpage

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Information about the project outcomes is also going to be disseminated at the European level to different associations of stakeholders and, at the international level, to other SLT associations.

Dissemination leads to the exploitation of the project, which means, how we use the results in developing SLT education further in our countries. So please, disseminate the results and outcomes actively and widely in your own countries! To assist you in your work of dissemination and exploitation we have prepared a Leaflet and a Poster for your use. You can download them from the public website (Project outcomes) http://www.netques.eu/?page_id=946 or from the intranet (Dissemination of outcomes) http://intranet.netques.eu/?page_id=1118



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WP 6: Exploiting project outcomes

In the final stages of the NetQues project, WP6 created a format for collecting examples of dissemination and exploitation activities. The template can be found on the NetQues intranet (http://intranet.netques.eu/?page_id=1118). It is important to share examples of good practice and dissemination and exploitation, since we can learn a lot from each other! Please fill in the form online and send it to Evelijn.raven@hu.nl.

WP6 has also gathered examples of good practice in SLT education. One example of good practice is the common platform of the eight Dutch Speech and Language Education Institutes. This platform is going to be used to exploit the results of the NetQues project and further develop the education of SLT in NL. Other examples of good practice can be seen on the webpage http://www.netques.eu/?page_id=958



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