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Exmos. Senhores,

A 17 e 18 de Outubro de 2013, a CCP participou, em Bruxelas, no “Fórum Europeu para a Educação, Formação e Juventude 2013”, no qual se abordou a questão da cooperação entre os Estados-Membros da União Europeia para a promoção da mobilidade. A principal questão debatida neste evento foi a melhoria da qualidade e da oferta de cursos de aprendizagem na União Europeia.

O *CIAP – Centro Italiano para a Formação Contínua*, participante neste evento bem como na iniciativa recentemente lançada pela Comissão Europeia “Aliança Europeia para a Aprendizagem”, procura neste momento membros para uma rede que visa a criação e a implementação de “Standards de Qualidade para a Aprendizagem”, os quais possam conduzir no futuro à certificação europeia de resultados de cursos de aprendizagem.

A CCP inscreveu-se nesta rede – designada “Rede Europeia para a Aprendizagem de Qualidade” - que agora divulgamos.

As entidades interessadas em participar - em particular as envolvidas em cursos de aprendizagem - poderão aceder a mais informação sobre a entidade dinamizadora, bem como inscrever-se na referida rede, através dos links abaixo indicados.

Com os melhores cumprimentos,

Ana Vieira
Secretária-Geral

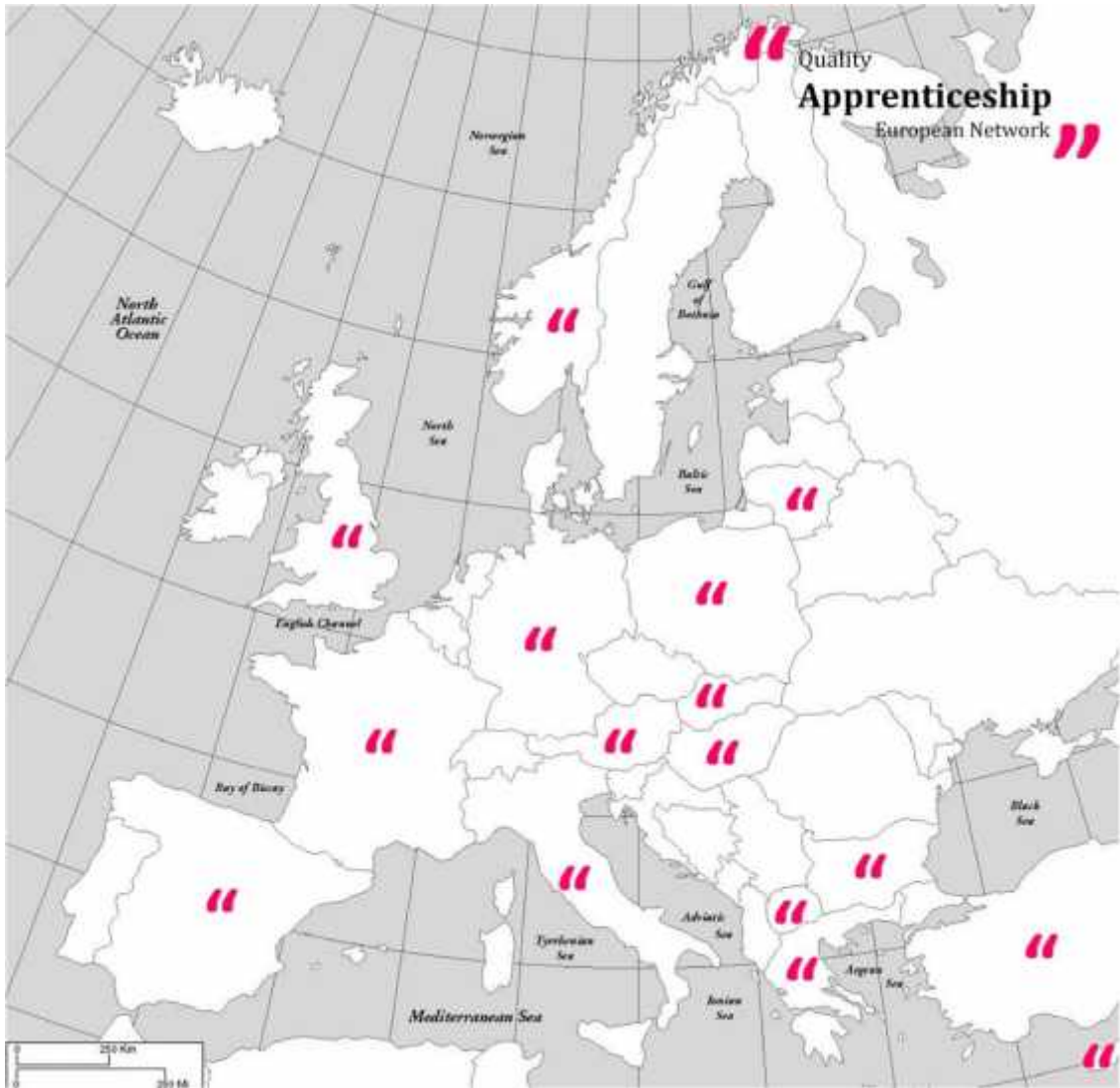
Dear Partners,

the **European Education, Training and Youth Forum 2013**, held on 17 & 18 October 2013 in Brussels, was an important occasion for us to meet and start cooperating for reforms, dealing especially with the improvement of the quality and supply of apprenticeships across the EU.

CIAPE signed a pledge in the frame of the EC initiative “**European Alliance for Apprenticeship**” and is now looking for network members to actively define and implement **Quality Standards for Apprenticeships**, leading to the European certification of learning outcomes deriving from the apprenticeship experience.

We are now asking you to join the multi-stakeholder initiative “**Quality Apprenticeship European Network**” ([Apply now](#)).

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[CIAPE](#) signed a pledge in the frame of the [European Alliance for Apprenticeship](#) in order to increase the quality of apprenticeships.

European Alliance for Apprenticeships

The European Alliance for Apprenticeships brings together public authorities, business and social partners, VET providers, youth representatives and other key actors such as chambers in order to coordinate and upscale different initiatives for successful apprenticeship type schemes.

Actually, apprenticeships and work-based learning appear to ease the transition from education and training to work. Boosting the quality and supply of apprenticeships is therefore one of the EU policy initiatives to address the unprecedented levels of youth unemployment.

The Alliance relies on the active engagement of all stakeholders. The European Commission will kick-start the process and facilitate interactions, monitor developments and provide some financial support.

Member States have already committed through the European Council Conclusions of January 2012 to increase "substantially the number of apprenticeships and traineeships to ensure that they represent real opportunities for young people", and are now working with the Lithuanian Presidency on concrete commitments.

Other key stakeholders with concrete contributions to the Alliance are the European Social Partners (ETUC, BusinessEurope, UEAPME, CEEP), Eurochambres, individual businesses and the European Round Table of Industrialists. Cedefop will provide administrative, monitoring and analytical support, while ETF will promote the principles of the Alliance in partner countries.

The role of CIAPE

CIAPE signed a [pledge](#) in the frame of the European Alliance for Apprenticeship and it will actively define and implement Quality Standards for Apprenticeships, involving businesses and VET organisations in a European Network for the certification of learning outcomes deriving from the apprenticeship experience.

The process will foresee the following actions:

Oct. 2013

Development of the Quality Apprenticeship European Network, made of public authorities, social partners, employment services, Chambers of Commerce, companies, VET providers and research centres belonging to different European countries. We are currently 35 partners from 16 different European countries, a very successful start up we might say. ([apply now](#))

Feb. 2014

Definition of European Quality Standards for Apprenticeship, to be jointly developed with all the stakeholders and focusing on specific activities to be implemented during the apprenticeship period, leading to the acquisition of sectoral specific knowledge, skills and competence

May 2014

Joint definition of Recognition procedures, valid at European level and trusted by companies and VET

organisations, leading to the certification of the learning outcomes deriving from Apprenticeship

Sep. 2014

Definition of specific Guidelines for companies, i.e. how to implement quality standard apprenticeship

Dec. 2014

Definition of specific Guidelines for trainers, i.e. how to monitor, assess and certify the competencies acquired during the apprenticeship period.

The Quality Apprenticeships European Network

Belonging to the Quality Apprenticeship European Network is an added value for the participating companies and training organisations, which can jointly develop quality standards enhancing the transparency of learning outcomes and the mobility of apprentices all around Europe.

Vocational Education Training organisations belonging to the Quality Apprenticeship European Network will rely on motivated and trusted companies in different parts of Europe, willing to accept apprentices and to properly follow the development of specific sectoral competences; VET organisations will be also in the conditions to provide a European Certification of Learning outcomes deriving from the Apprenticeship period (in cooperation with the hosting company).

Companies, especially SMEs, will be able to implement quality standard apprenticeship, participating in the transnational definition of criteria for quality standard; they will belong to the Quality Apprenticeship European Network, committing themselves to follow specific standards fostering the acquisition of competences and skills, and they will receive motivated apprentices from different EU countries.

Apprentices will be able to implement a period of Apprenticeship in a trusted company - able to assure the respect of quality standards in the implementation of the apprenticeship - at national or transnational level. The pathway will be focused on the acquisition of specific learning outcomes.

Become a partner

If you represent a public authority, a social partner, a Chamber of Commerce, a VET organisation, a company or a research centre belonging to any of the European countries, please apply to the Network now ([apply](#)). CIAPE will be in charge of the coordination of the activities at transnational level. The working language will be English. In each country a coordinating partner will be the responsible for the definition of the national network, and for the implementation of the activities. The networks will be sector-focused.

Organisations will implement the activities related to this pledge on voluntary basis. Working in this project is totally free. Once the partnership will be been set up, we will define together the best cooperation means (mostly groupspace based).

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