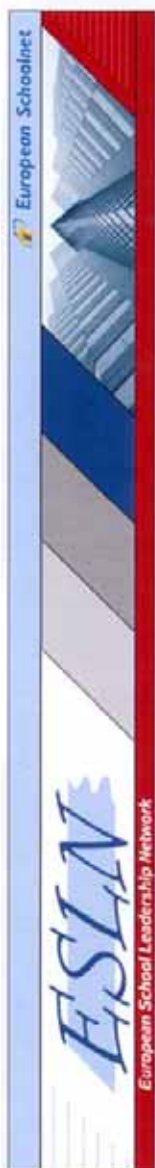


ESLN Project



The European School Leadership Network (ESLN) is a project that aims to build a network based on a community of practice and learning, a network of European School Leaders who are both practitioners in schools and learners. The participants took part in a specially designed course in European School Leadership. The project is supported by the European Commission under the Socrates Minerva Programme for the promotion of Open and Distance Learning - Information and Communication Technologies in the Field of Education.

The course was developed and supported by the project consortium as follows:

- European Schoolnet
- European School Heads Association
- Centre for Educational Leadership - University of Manchester
- University of Cyprus
- Dutch Secondary Heads Association
- Swedish Agency for School Improvement
- Hungarian-Netherlands School of Educational Management - University of Budapest

The course consists of three modules:

Module 1 *The Moral Dimensions of Educational Leadership in Europe*

Module 2 *Staff Development from a European perspective*

Module 3 *The Leadership of Change in an Emerging Europe*

The purpose of the course has been to provide an opportunity for educational leaders across Europe to:

- engage in high-level analysis, reflection and debate on the role and responsibilities of European school leadership
- extend and develop their own understanding of the role of a European school leader
- inform their practice as European school leaders
- contribute to a Europe wide debate on the nature and purpose of educational leadership

The course is also designed to support and facilitate an emerging network of school leaders interested in creating a community of practice, which adopts trans-national perspectives on educational leadership issues. Each of the modules also had a working conference which took place in Stavanger, Norway 2004, Budapest, Hungary 2005 and Fuggi, Rome 2006.

As an outcome of the project, a CD of the course materials has been prepared, as well as an online community <http://esln.eun.org> and a Blog <http://blog.eun.org/esln>

This CD is available to all the conference delegates. It is intended that three further modules will be added in 2007/2008:

Module 4 *Creating the Learning Centered School*

Module 5 *Education Leadership and the Community*

Module 6 *Educational Leadership in a Changing Europe*