

Welcome to the first EIPPEE newsletter

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Welcome to the first issue of the newsletter for the Evidence Informed Policy and Practice in Education in Europe (EIPPEE) project. This newsletter covers the period from September to December 2011.

As a member of the EIPPEE network, we would like to keep you informed about the project and to notify you about any forthcoming events or opportunities. The newsletter is quarterly and you will receive the next issue at the end of March 2012. If you do not wish to receive this newsletter, please contact [Caroline Kenny](mailto:Caroline.Kenny@ioe.ac.uk).


 Wishing you
 a very Merry
 Christmas &
 a happy 2012


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Announcements
First EIPPEE conference announced

The first conference of the EIPPEE project will be held on 9-10 May 2012 in the Hague, Netherlands. The conference is being co-hosted with the Netherlands' Ministry of Education, Culture and Science and the Flemish Ministry of Education and Training.

We will provide more details on our website www.eippee.eu so please keep checking for updates.

Newsletter Spotlight

- Follow us on Twitter! Our username is EIPPEEnet.
- Last chance to sign up for free online training course: 'Participative Research and Policy'. The course starts 18 January 2012. [Click here for more information](#)

EIPPEE update
EIPPEE explores the role of knowledge brokerage in research impact


On 7 December, EIPPEE participated in a one-day conference on knowledge brokerage. The conference aimed to share expert knowledge and best practice. In addition to showcasing existing knowledge brokerage practices, participants discussed the usefulness of it as a label, the need for greater understanding about what knowledge brokerage is as well as greater understanding about the wider system/s in which it occurs.

Bridging the gap between research, policy and practice Conference, 7 December 2011, London, UK

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EIPPEE reflects on the learning sciences at inter-disciplinary seminar


On 1 December, EIPPEE was part of an inter-disciplinary community of international researchers to explore key concepts within the learning sciences including what is meant by learning, being a learner and what it means to teach. The seminar included discussions about the relationship between teaching and learning, design-based research methods, and research, practice and educational policies. EIPPEE presented alongside speakers from the UK, Belgium, Switzerland, Norway and France.

L'Institut Français de l'Éducation et Sciences de L'Apprendre', 1 December 2011, Lyon

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EIPPEE presents to international network of leading education policy centres

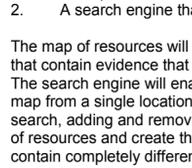

On 2 December, EIPPEE delivered a presentation to representatives from Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan and Turkey. The presentation gave an overview of the project, its aims and its different activities. It focused on the particular ways of participating and engaging with the project and spoke about the opportunities available.

The Network of Education Policy Centers' General Assembly, 2 December 2011, Istanbul, Turkey

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EIPPEE contributes to European Training Foundation's (ETF) Torinet initiative

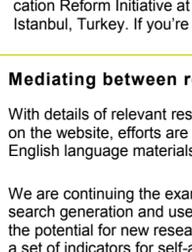

On 23-24 November, EIPPEE engaged with participants from EU Member States, Croatia, Kosovo, Serbia, Belarus, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Egypt and Tunisia and international experts to discuss the interaction between governance and effectiveness of Vocational Education and Training (VET) systems, and the role of evidence. The workshop was organised as part of the ETF's Torinet initiative and the EIPPEE project was invited to introduce the project to those unfamiliar with it and discuss the opportunities available to those who joined as EIPPEE network members.

ETF's Torinet initiative: 'Governance and effective VET policies: the role of evidence', 23-24 November 2011, Turin, Italy

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EIPPEE presents to conference of European practitioners and researchers


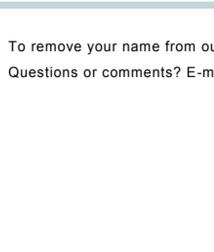
EIPPEE gave an invited workshop on evidence informed education and the role of teacher as researcher as part of the European Association for Practitioner Research on Improving Learning (EAPRIL) 2011 conference. This was in addition to the EIPPEE pre-conference training workshop provided under the auspices of Netherlands Educational Research Association (VOR), Division on Learning & Instruction.

EAPRIL conference 'Balancing workplace learning and practitioner research across professional fields', 23-25 November 2011, the Netherlands

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EIPPEE attends OECD workshops on Governing Complex Education Systems


On 21-22 November, EIPPEE attended the first thematic conference of the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development's (OECD) Governing Complex Education Systems project (GCES) 'Effective Governance from the Centre'. The conference focused on the role of central government in complex, multilevel systems of governance and asked the question: how do / should central governments play their crucial role in the system within the reality of multilevel governance?

OECD 'Effective Governance from the Centre' conference, 21-22 November 2011, the Hague, Netherlands

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EIPPEE presents to European Conference on Educational Research


On 16 September, EIPPEE delivered a symposium on the links between research evidence and policy-making in education across Europe. The symposium included three papers that examined different practices for connecting research with policy in Denmark, Hungary, Norway, Sweden and the UK. The main purpose of the symposium was to share and discuss analytical frameworks and empirical research findings of research-to-policy links in education in Europe and consider the scope and nature of research on such links.

The European Conference on Educational Research, 12-16 September 2011, Berlin, Germany

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Project update
EIPPEE Network

Registration has just opened for the EIPPEE network and we are pleased to have 85 members already. Members include people from within Europe and as far afield as Brazil, Canada, Japan, Singapore and New Zealand.



Thanks to those of you who have provided us with stakeholder information. We are required to report this information to the European Commission to demonstrate the range of stakeholders we have engaged in the project. If you have not yet provided this information, please contact [Caroline](mailto:Caroline.Kenny@ioe.ac.uk).

We are currently in the process of compiling a list of relevant networks, projects and initiatives to connect with. Please contact [Caroline](mailto:Caroline.Kenny@ioe.ac.uk) if you would like to suggest any.

Portal

To help research become more easily available, the EIPPEE project is developing an online portal that will enable users to identify quality assured research.



This will have two main components:

1. A 'map' of resources, indexed by region and topic; and
2. A search engine that enables users to search multiple websites simultaneously.

The map of resources will seek to be a comprehensive list of European databases and portals that contain evidence that can be used for decision-making in either policy and/or practice. The search engine will enable users to search the content of all, or a subset, of resources in the map from a single location. Additionally, users will be able to customise the scope of their search, adding and removing resources themselves. They will be able to create their own 'maps' of resources and create their own portal searches, which may be a subset of the portal search or contain completely different resources.

Training

The EIPPEE project is offering free places on a choice of three online or face-to-face courses. So far, we have awarded 14 bursaries to individuals to study on one of our free training courses. Recipients include those from Belgium, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Slovakia, Sweden and the UK.



We are also offering four free workshops. So far, we have undertaken two tailored workshops. The first was a pre-conference event attached to the EAPRIL conference, 22 November and hosted in the Netherlands. This event was organised by the Netherlands Educational Research Association (VOR), Division on Learning & Instruction. The second was undertaken at the Education Reform Initiative at the Istanbul Policy Center, Sabanci University, 1 December 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey. If you're interested in holding such a workshop, please contact [Mark Newman](mailto:Mark.Newman@ioe.ac.uk).

Mediating between research, policy and practice

With details of relevant research literature and other resources on the website, efforts are now focused on collecting non-English language materials.



We are continuing the examination of rigorous research on research generation and use conducted in other fields to explore the potential for new research on this topic within education and a set of indicators for self-assessment of readiness and capacity for research use.

Aspects of the social media strategy have been implemented and we will continue to identify ways to use it in the EIPPEE project, including at both annual conferences. As part of our overall strategy for developing the EIPPEE network, we are now actively building our following within the Twitter community. Please follow us @EIPPEEnet.

Consultancy service

After feedback from our project partners and affiliates, we have now finished revising the overview document that sets out its aim, scope and the manner in which it will be achieved. This will be available in the partner area of the website soon. We have also revised the promotional flyer that we will use to market the service. This is now with our design team.



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