

## Welcome to the second EIPPEE newsletter!

Welcome to the second issue of the newsletter for the Evidence Informed Policy and Practice in Education in Europe (EIPPEE) project. This newsletter covers the period from March to June 2012.

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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, which you will receive every three months. If you do not wish to receive this newsletter, please contact [Caroline Kenny](#).



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## Announcements

### Presentations from first EIPPEE conference now available on website!

On 9-10 May 2012, the EIPPEE project hosted its first conference 'Advancing the use of research in education across Europe' at the Bel Air Hotel in the Hague, the Netherlands. The conference was co-hosted by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science in the Netherlands and the Department for Education and Training in Belgium.

Slides from the conference are now available to view on the [project website](#). To access these slides, you will need to log into the website using the 'Login' option. You will need the username and password you were sent by email when you registered to become a member of the EIPPEE Network. To help you find your username and password, the email you were sent has the following details:

**Sender:** EPPI-Support ([EPPISupport@ioe.ac.uk](mailto:EPPISupport@ioe.ac.uk))  
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If you are unable to find this email, then please contact [EPPI-Support](#) directly.

### Newsletter Spotlight

- [Registration now open for Systematic Reviews for Policy and Practice course, starting in September.](#)

- [Follow us on Twitter! Our username is @EIPPEEnet](#)

- [Give us your feedback on the EIPPEE conference 2012 here!](#)

## EIPPEE update

### Learn how to do and appraise a systematic review for free

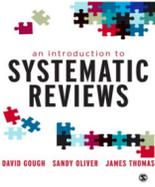


Policy-makers and practitioners want up-to-date, reliable and accessible research to inform their decisions. By synthesising different types of evidence to address a diverse range of questions, systematic reviews can address this need and help achieve evidence informed policy and practice. Are you interested in learning more about how to do and appraise systematic reviews? Then this course is for you! On successful completion of the course, you will be familiar with the strengths and limitations of systematic reviews and have a critical appreciation of evidence-informed policy and practice.

This course will provide the knowledge and skills to support your career development in roles where producing or appraising research is essential. This course is relevant for people working in academic, government and voluntary sectors.

[More Details](#)

### New book introducing systematic reviews now available



You can now buy a copy of the new book from the EPPI-Centre (EIPPEE project co-ordinators): 'An introduction to systematic reviews'.

This book provides an overview of the nature, logic, diversity and process of undertaking systematic reviews. Systematic reviews are a central way to achieve evidence informed policy and practice because they can provide decision-makers with up-to-date, reliable and accessible research on a diverse range of questions.

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 Thomas J Eds An  
 Introduction to  
 Systematic Reviews  
 London, Sage

[More Details](#)

### Poland hosts introductory workshop on systematic review methods



On 15-16 March, the EIPPEE team travelled to Warsaw, Poland to deliver a free two-day training workshop on systematic review methods. This workshop was organized in conjunction with one of our partners, the Educational Research Institute (IBE) in Poland. The workshop covered the basic stages of undertaking a systematic review and why they are important as well as looking at the role of evidence in the policy process across Europe.

A short introductory  
 course on systematic  
 review methods, 15-16  
 March 2012, Polonia  
 Palace Hotel, Poland

Slides from this workshop and the others we have undertaken as part of the EIPPEE project are [now available to view on the project website](#) (you will need to login to view these).

[More Details](#)

### EIPPEE website now translated into three European languages



You can now find an introduction and overview to the EIPPEE project in French, German and Spanish on the EIPPEE website! The links are shown on the website's home page and under the '[About the project](#)' tab.

### A big thank you to all those who have helped us spread the word about EIPPEE!

Since our last newsletter, many members have told us of the different ways that they are communicating news about the project. News about EIPPEE has featured on the websites and in the newsletters of organizations such as:



- Dutch Programme for Educational Research (PROO), Netherlands
- Centre for Effective Services, Ireland
- Ministries of Education in Romania and Lithuania
- UK Coalition for Evidence Based Education, (CEBE) and Evidence Network
- European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction (EARLI)
- European Network for Improving Research and Development in Educational Leadership and Management
- European WIFO Gateway to research on education in Europe
- Campbell Collaboration and
- Soros Foundation.

News about the EIPPEE project is being communicated far and wide.

Thank you to all members who have assisted us in disseminating EIPPEE news. [If you have communicated news about EIPPEE and not told us yet, then please do as we'd love to report this to our funders, the European Commission.](#)

## Project update

### EIPPEE Network

The EIPPEE network is rapidly growing in number. At the end of May 2012, the network had over 400 members from 50 countries. This is really an international, global network. In addition to members from European countries, we have members from such countries as Canada, Egypt, Singapore, Kenya, USA, Bhutan, and others.



The majority of our members work in research organisations or in policymaking at the national level. However, the network has members from all stakeholder categories including teachers, researchers, local and regional policymakers and administrators, parental associations, media outlets and civil society organisations such as trade unions.

More than 100 members of EIPPEE network engaged in the conference "[Advancing the use of research in education across Europe](#)" that took place on 9-10 May 2012 in The Hague.

### Portal

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

This is divided in two main components:

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



The search engine is designed to allow registered users to submit new websites, so that the list of relevant sources is expected to grow over time. Registered users will also have the possibility to create their own, private list of sources, expanding the scope of the searched engine. The search engine uses the Microsoft Bing™ search API, and further extends Bing output: results can be ordered by source and main topics are automatically extracted and displayed. We believe this approach will be very useful to allow carrying fast and focussed searches, yielding a very high number of relevant results. Also, it is expected to significantly raise the visibility and usefulness of regional evidence repositories.

The current implementation of the search engine is published and available to the general public through the EIPPEE website. The portal was presented during the conference and was used as the main search engine during the "Harnessing technology for evidence use" workshop. All feedback collected was very positive, convincing us that it is now time to start marketing this new tool. The portal already includes one sub-portal, the "UK Educational Evidence Portal" and there is a plan for a second one, specialised on Systematic Reviews. While development continues, EIPPEE and the interested partners are currently finalising the main portal "quality policy".

### Training

The EIPPEE project is offering [free places on a choice of three online courses](#).

So far, we have awarded 29 of the 40 bursaries available to individuals from Belgium, Bulgaria, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden and the UK.



We are extremely keen to recruit more people from Southern Europe to our courses, particularly, people from Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain and Turkey. If you are from one of these countries and interested in being trained for free then please [get in contact](#).

We are also offering 1- or 2- day workshops for free. So far, we have undertaken three in Poland, Netherlands and Turkey. If you're interested in organising a workshop for your colleagues/organisation, contact [Mark Newman](#) now to find out how we can support you/your organisation.

### Mediating between research, policy and practice

The [list of relevant research literature and other resources](#) has been updated on the website. The EIPPEE bibliography is now also available through [Mendeley](#), the online reference manager and academic social network. We have created a public invite-only group called '[EIPPEE project](#)' and members of the group can add relevant papers.



Alternatively, the EIPPEE bibliography is [available for download in the RIS file format](#) which can be read by all common bibliographic software.

The number of project followers and interactions in Twitter continues to grow [@EIPPEEnet](#). A toolkit for those thinking about/planning to conduct research in this field will be available on the website shortly.

### Consultancy service

More information about the consultancy service is now available from our [project website](#), including a downloadable flyer.

The central team have been working hard to develop questionnaires to collect feedback from clients of the consultancy service. These have now been sent to the working group of 12 partners for review.



We are now recruiting clients for the EIPPEE consultancy service.

The consultancy service offers support and help in:

- Clarifying an issue or question under concern
- Finding, understanding and using research evidence
- Identifying concise, readable research summaries
- Signposting to tools and resources about implementation, monitoring or evaluating outcomes

If you are a policy-maker, teacher or other practitioner working in education in Europe (or know one) and would like to know how research can help you to address an issue or question you're interested in or working on, we'd love to hear from you so [get in touch](#).

To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#).

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