

CareerGUIDE for schools

Network for career guidance in schools



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What is CareerGUIDE for schools?

CareerGuide is an international network which brings together experts in pedagogy, psychology, technology and labour market, promoting career guidance in European Schools.

What is Career Guidance?

Career guidance refers to services and activities intended to assist individuals, of any age and at any point throughout their lives, to make educational, training and occupational choices and to manage their careers. Such services may be found in schools, universities and colleges, in training institutions, in public employment services, in the workplace, in the voluntary or community sector and in the private sector. The activities may take place on an individual or group basis, and may be face-to-face or at a distance (including help lines and web-based services). They include career information provision (in print, ICT-based and other forms), assessment and self-assessment tools, counselling interviews, career education programmes (to help individuals develop their self awareness, opportunity awareness, and career management skills), taster programmes (to sample options before choosing them), work search programmes, and transition services.

Aims

The **CareerGUIDE for Schools** network's main aim is to promote career education and awareness in European schools, bridging the gap between school and the world of work. Particularly, the network tries to:

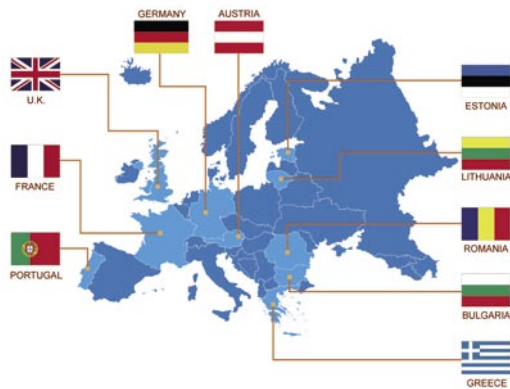
- bring career guidance to the education policy front and contribute to the upgrading of teaching and learning career development
- explore the best practices on the implementation of career guidance education in Europe
- gather and evaluate ICT-based methodologies and practices addressed to career guidance
- offer specialised support and training opportunities to educators of career guidance in schools throughout Europe
- develop new curriculum guidelines
- develop generic skills profiles relevant to key jobs

The main tool for accomplishing these objectives is the CareerGUIDE web portal which acts as a forum for information, communication and promotion of career guidance in schools (www.careerguide.net).



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The Methodology of CareerGUIDE

The partnership of the CareerGUIDE for Schools network operates in collaborative working-groups. The working-groups include different-subject scientific experts, sharing the same interest in researching a specific aspect of career guidance. They focus on different sub thematic areas and work independently in a particular topic of career guidance. They meet and reflect to each other periodically, in order to combine and utilise knowledge and research evidence for producing the best of it.

There are four working groups, each one focusing on one of the following topics:

- School to work transition
- Methodologies and approaches in Career Guidance (including ICT)
- Teachers' & students' perceptions and attitudes towards career guidance
- Career Design skills

The internet and modern communication technology are utilised by the working groups in a way for serving both their communicational and working needs. The main tool of the network's function is the CareerGUIDE for Schools Web Portal which accumulates information on the issue of career guidance from various European countries. The platform has been developed as an integrated communication tool providing direct access to communication, information and professional support. The web platform includes a specific area for uploading and exchanging educational material on the career guidance sector.

Activities and outcomes

During the CareerGUIDE network's life the partnership pursues the following activities:

- Development of a European cooperation network on career guidance including schools, career centres and policy makers
- Development of a web portal on career guidance offering resources, news and forums for exchange of information on the thematic areas of the network
- Linking theory and practice on career guidance through working groups' research activities
- Organisation of workshops and conferences
- Monitoring and evaluation of network's performance and improvement
- Dissemination of the partnership's activities and outcomes through newsletters, annual reports and the Report on Effective Career Guidance.

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