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European Project:

DELOS (Developing a European eLearning Observation System)

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The Universitat Oberta de Catalunya is participating in the Delos project from the beginning of the year 2002 until January 2004.

The project aims at the development, validation and establishment of a sustainable Observation System of experiences and institutions in the elearning field to contribute to the decision making process by different stakeholders (European policy makers and market actors). DELOS is a comprehensive and inclusive action that builds convergence and coherence among existing observation & analysis systems and approaches, provided by international organisations, by the various Services and Agencies of the European Union and by other targeted observation projects in European Commission Programmes, such as those in SOCRATES, LEONARDO DA VINCI and IST.

In its first development phase, a specific analysis of the needs and priorities of the two main groups, the one of the “Information Users” and the other of the “Information Collectors”, in Education and Training around the world, is being conducted through a series of interviews, considering the different specialisations and characteristics of the institutions involved and aiming at the definition of the formulation of a comprehensive map of the different competencies and strengths available in Europe.

The mapping activity will consist in the following tasks:

1) Identifying all different E&T observatory systems, bodies (i.e. actors)
2) Recording the aims, structures and practices of the main E&T observatory systems (i.e. Profiling)
3) Identifying the main stakeholders (users) of the observatory systems
4) Recording the information needs and interests of the main stakeholders

This will allow a definition of the state-of-the-art and will contribute to set up proposals for improvement and define the new observatory.

The institution leading the project is MENON (Belgium). The rest of the project partnership is formed by SCIENTER (Italy), FIM (Germany), CEDEFOP (Greece), LRF (Greece), Swedish Agency for Distance Education (Sweden), EENet (Germany) i EDEN (Hungary).

First project results are expected by September 2002.

The European Commission is supporting the project and sees it as one of the best initiatives for decision makers and policy makers in the field of the use of technology in education.