

SCHE in the Netherlands

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Issues...

- ▶ Higher Education in the Netherlands
- ▶ SCHE in the Netherlands (Associate degree – Ad)
- ▶ Position of the Dutch Ad in Higher Education - developments
- ▶ Involvement of VET-Institutions
- ▶ National Qualifications Framework
- ▶ SCHE and LLL... in the Netherlands

System in the Netherlands

- ▶ Simple system ☺
- ▶ Three ways to higher education
 - VET (7 / 8 years) – HE (11/12)
 - General Education (5 years) – HE (9)
 - General Education (6 years) – HE (9)
- ▶ Binary system
 - 5 + 4 years Professional Bachelor
 - 6 + 3 years Academic Bachelor
- ▶ Hogescholen (PHE) / Universities (AHE)
- ▶ Fulltime / Parttime / Dual (Work-Study / WBL)
- ▶ Public Financing: per year ! Not per credit...

SCHE in this system

- ▶ We had till 2001 formal 'short HE'
- ▶ No formal (public financed) post-secondary education ! Not then and not now !
- ▶ Since 2006: Formal SCHE, the Associate degree
 - only in professional HE ('Hogescholen' – UAS)
 - relevant for the labour market
 - 120 ects (own programme...)
 - Ad + another 120 ects = Bachelor (240 ects)
- ▶ Only one degree on Level 5 of the NQF / SCHE in the HEA / level 5 of the EQF

Ad: now and in the future

- ▶ Pilots in 2006
- ▶ End report in 2010
- ▶ Full implementation in 2011
- ▶ Just offered by HEIs for professional HE
- ▶ Important was:
 - support employers' organisations
 - Leido and its network incl. ministry of Education
 - seminars with experts from other countries
 - report of EURASHE in 2003
 - 'don't care the academic drift...'

VET-institutions and the Ad

- ▶ Important target groups:
 - employees (LLL)
 - VET-students
- ▶ VET = levels 2, 3 and 4
HE = levels 5, 6, 7 and 8
- ▶ Ad-programmes in full-time:
 - co-operation with VET-institutions
 - regional network
 - in pilots starting in 2011: shared responsibilities
- ▶ Again: No formal post-secondary education level 5

National Qualifications Framework

- ▶ Implementation in 2011
- ▶ 8 levels for formal education
- ▶ Associate degree = level 5 = higher education
- ▶ Discussions:
 - linking non-formal (recognition)
 - linking in-formal (RPL)
 - more (formal) programmes on level 5 ?

SCHE and LLL

- ▶ Associate degree = professional HE
- ▶ VET → Ad → Work → Part-time Bachelor
- ▶ Using of RPL
 - non-formal education programmes (part of Ad-programmes)
 - work-experience
- ▶ Discussion:
Associate Colleges (for LLL)

Statements

- ▶ Level 5 of the EQF = SCHE = Higher Education
More programmes on level 5: compare them with the SCHE programmes...
Non-formal: likewise...
- ▶ Accreditation of the SCHE = same body as for the Bachelor's and Master's degree
- ▶ More regional cooperation for VET and SCHE

Statements

- ▶ Transfer from SCHE to Professional Bachelor (also in Universities) = without loss of time
- ▶ Make clear in every country that in practice there is a binary system – and use this...
- ▶ SCHE in Bologna = Associate degree