

operation with NCBiR. At NCBiR, Marta Pytlarczyk was Head of Section for commercialization of R&D results.

All the matters connected with the Work-In-Net project are commissioned to Mr **Adam Kazmierczak** (e-mail: kazmierczak@ncbir.gov.pl).

We would like to thank Marta for the good cooperation within the project and wish her all the best for her future.

WORK-IN-NET grows

Carlotta was born!

The WORK-IN-NET community is growing not only by new institutional partners! Carlotta Becker was born on Monday evening, 26.1.2009 - Carlotta and her proud parents Stephie Becker and Thomas are well and forwarded the enclosed foto of their daughter.



3 News from Partners

The Netherlands

NCSI formally approved as official partner in WORK-IN-NET

Just on Christmas 2008, the European Commission approved the participation of Netherlands Centre for Social Innovation (NCSI) as full partner in WORK-IN-NET. NCSI already participated as associated partner and is an excellent partner and reference for WIN.

Who wants to learn more about the institution is invited to visit the internet site: www.ncsi.nl/English/. Our contact person at NCSI is Dr. Fietje Vaas (E-Mail: F.Vaas@ncsi.nl) and Betty van der Roest.

4 Dates, Events & Activities

Germany and WORK-IN-NET

Announcement for 2nd and 3rd of April 2009: 2nd BMBF-Zukunftsforum "Working – learning – developing skills"

In view of structural change and constant changes in the working environment and in view of globalization and demographic change, efforts must be made to continuously strengthen the companies' potential for innovation on a broad scale so that Germany will remain an attractive business location in the long term. This means that personnel, organization and skills development are equally important. Growth and creation of jobs will only be possible if efforts to develop the skills of individuals, staff and management are coordinated. This conference brings mainly two communities together: the WORK-IN-NET network and the community of the German programme "Working – learning – developing skills – Potential for innovation in a modern working environment" from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). It will systematically address vital issues in order to develop new practical solutions by means of research and development.

The conference "Personnel Development – Organization Development – Skills Development" will focus on these goals. It takes place on 2nd and 3rd of April 2009 in Berlin. It targets experts from industry, science and politics in Germany and Europe who have to face the radical changes in economic and social structures. All plenary session and four fora will have simultaneous translation German/English. Among them:

Forum 4 (working worlds of tomorrow - research of today) will be moderated by Dr. Werner Wobbe and is designed as follow-up to the foresight workshop of WORK-IN-NET that

took place in Stockholm 2008. How does the workplace of tomorrow look like and what will be the requirements for people working there?

Forum 10 is titled "HR and organisational development concepts" and will be moderated by Tuomo Alasoini. It takes up the question that globalization is not only a matter of CEOs but of everybody. What kind of success stories do we have that could be an example for other institutions?

More information and online registration:
English version:

<https://www.arbeiten-lernen-kompetenzen-entwickeln.de/index.php?id=4&L=1>

German version:

www.arbeiten-lernen-kompetenzen-entwickeln.de

Belgium

STV celebrates the 25th birthday on March 17

On Tuesday 17th March 2009, the STV - Innovatie & Arbeid will complete 25 years of work and projects. This event will be celebrated with a conference on "Innovative work in Europe". All WORK-IN-NET partners and friends are cordially invited to participate and contribute to the discussion and exchange of ideas. The conference will take place in Leuven (Louvain) at the Provinciehuis (House of the Provincial Council). The conference starts at March 17 on 13:00 h.

The conference programme is focusing on how the concepts of 'innovative work' or 'social innovation on the workplace' are operationalised in some leading research programmes in Europe: UKWON, NCPP, TYKES and WORK-IN-NET, and their impact both on performance and quality of working life.

STV has an outstanding experience in work organisation programmes in Europe and is an associated partner to WORK-IN-NET.

More information can be obtained by Paul Berckmans (pberckmans@serv.be).

Belgium, European Commission

ERA-NET coordinator meeting in Brussels

The European Commission, DG Research, is currently preparing the Annual ERA-NET event 2009 as a follow-up on last years launching event for the NETWATCH system and the ERA-NET Learning Platform (http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/coordination/era_lp_en.html).

The event is planned for the 31 March and 1 April in Brussels and targeted at ERA-NET coordinators, Member State representatives and Commission services involved in the ERA-NET scheme. For the event the Commission expects approximately 150 participants, which will include a maximum of two participants for each ERA-NET. Detailed information and registration forms will be sent out mid February. However, on behalf of WORK-IN-NET, Dietmar Wuppermann and Claudio Zettel will participate.

The main items to be presented and discussed are:

- the NETWATCH initiative (coordinated by the IPTS, contact: Hans-Günther Schwarz, IPTS and Wolfgang Wittke, DG RTD)
- the ERA-NET Learning Platform (contact: Jörg Niehoff, DG RTD) and
- the related support action ERA-LEARN (contact: Roland Brandenburg, FFG).

5 New Publication

Stockholm report "WORKPLACES OF THE FUTURE"



FUTURE"

As a result of the Foresight Seminar held in Stockholm, Sweden, 4-5 September 2008, WORK-IN-NET published in January 2009 the report titled "WORKPLACES OF THE FUTURE". This publication was edited by Carin Håkansta and Kenneth Abrahamsson from FAS/Sweden.

FAS initiated the exchange of ideas and discussion by inviting all WORK-IN-NET partner organisations to participate in the workshop. The participating countries contributed to the workshop and report with short foresight reports. The national contributions are mainly written by national experts and discuss the future challenges of work life development and work-oriented innovation activities.

This documentation reflects background material, the workshop discussion as well as some thoughts of the future developments.

Carin Håkansta, Kenneth Abrahamsson (Ed.): "WORKPLACES OF THE FUTURE. WORK-IN-NET Foresight Seminar held in Stockholm, Sweden, 4-5 September 2008", Bonn/Stockholm (WORK-IN-NET publication)

6 Important Links

WORK-IN-NET partner organisations

Finland

Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation - Tekes
www.tekes.fi/eng/

Work Environment Fund
www.tsr.fi/english/

Germany

Project Management Organisation in the DLR of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (WORK-IN-NET Coordination)
www.dlr.de/pt/en/

Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of the Land North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany
www.mags.nrw.de

G.I.B. Innovative Employment Promotion Company GmbH
www.gib.nrw.de/

Greece

Secretariat for Research and Technology, Ministry of Development
www.gsrt.gr/default.asp?V_LANG_ID=2

Ireland

National Centre for Partnership and Performance
www.ncpp.ie

Netherlands

Netherlands Centre for Social Innovation
www.ncsi.nl/English/

Poland

National Centre for Research and Development (NCBiR)
www.ncbir.pl/

Federation of Engineering Associations
www.mnii.gov.pl/en

Sweden

Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems
www.vinnova.se/

Swedish Council for Working Life and Social
Research
www.fas.se/

Associated partners

Austria

Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Cul-
ture
www.bmbwk.gv.at/

France

ANACT – The Agence Nationale pour l'Amélio-
ration des Conditions de Travail
www.anact.fr

Italy

IRES Istituto Ricerche Economiche e Sociali
www.ireser.org/

Netherlands

TNO Work and Employment
www.tno.nl

United Kingdom

UK WON
www.ukwon.net

European Institutions

European Foundation for the Improvement of
Living and Working Conditions
www.eurofound.europa.eu/

European Agency for Safety and Health at
Work
<http://osha.europa.eu/en>

ERA-NETs

ERA-AGE
<http://era-age.group.shef.ac.uk/>

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