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We:Mentor Workshop

**Workshop Sharing Experience: ICT, web
2.0, Communities and Mentoring**

Workshop Evaluation Summary

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Nine participants completed evaluation forms at the end of the conference providing feedback about the content of the workshop and suggestions for improvements to future sessions.

When asked what had been their initial expectations of the workshop, participants' comments covered areas such as getting more information about web 2.0 and social networks; sharing experience and learning about e-mentoring. Some quotes provided by participants regarding their expectations included:

"To know more about we 2.0 and social networks"

" Creative atmosphere. Share experience. Expand activities"

"I expected an overview about the possibilities, to get communication between mentor and mentee more transparent"

"To familiarize myself with web 2.0 programs"

"To meet people interested in girls and women mentoring exchange experience about Internet tools and communications"

"I wanted to learn about the latest developments of e-mentoring and new proposals of the experienced organizers"

" I was interested how other people use Internet to communicate"

"I expected to find out information about using social media for mentoring"

Seven participants stated that the workshop had fulfilled their expectations. One participant said that she/he felt that workshop had partly fulfilled their expectation and one participant said that the workshop had fulfilled the expectation on a low way – participants was really annoyed, that the wi-fi didn't work.

When asked about the most important/interesting things they had taken away from the day, respondents' comments described that they felt they now know much more about social media and how to use different programs, usefulness of



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learning by doing and how to communicate through Internet. Quotes illustrating these various learning points included:

“there are much more in the web than I knew”

“a Internet workshop has to have a very good internet connection”

“young people know a lot about social networks”

“learning by doing is a good thing when you have the right tools”

“vision first- after fixing what to achieve, implementation of tools can be done by everyone. Huge variety of tools growing every day”

“twitter, facebook, dropbox”

“I have learned how to use the following programs: doodle, polldady , twitter, wiki, second life platform”

“That Internet has to offer much more “tools” and “ways” to communicate than just personal webpages.

“Once, someone build a personal web page or an institutional webpage, to keep interest often update is essential”

“The manner to use the platform Web2.0. The way to communicate via Internet. The issue about free Internet use. The way to teach yourself the Internet tools.”

“Other people use a lot of web to communicate in their job.”

All participants were enthusiastic to bring the content learnt in the workshop back to their organization or to develop further some ideas for the community:

“We got a lot of interesting Internet addresses for making our organisation visible and implemented a learning and communication platform on facebook for the grundvig partnership”

“We will add private Twitter Account interfaces into Facebook groups”

“We applied Facebook and Twitter”

“We already used “petition” tool to collect signatures for a proposal, we will use “polldady” to make polls about the opinion of the society about women in engineering”

“The “doodle” can help the volunteers mentors to find the best date to meet with the mentees”



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“ I will propose to my organization to organize meetings among the members the most interested in new technologies and web to build a group to support actions based on these tools to attract young members in order to support our new-century image with web tools”

For further comments about the workshop the participants pointed out the problems with the wi-fi connection, lack of experts/teachers:

“Nearly no Internet connection, too less time for group working. No technical support, no knowledge transfere, no possibility to use the know-how of the participants.”

“I think that one person is not enough to create a workshop in this frame! I hoped to get more input”.

When asked if/how this workshop contributed to improve the networking between We:mentor and Womentor Partners the participants mostly pointed out that mostly now the communication is much easier and the activities and information’s are now easier to access and there was a transfer of experience between Womentor and We:Mentor:

“We are now connected, the communication should be easier now and more informal. Activities and information’s are now easier to access”

“Increased Communication focus for the network IT and C can be a means of communication without creating huge travel budgets impulse to knowledge sharing on common platforms”

“The discussions about mentoring and Internet policies also help members from the partners association to establish contact and find common fields of activities”

“It gave me the opportunity to meet the Womentor partners and transfer to their experience to the We:Mentor partners”.

In terms of rating the venue of the workshop, seven out of nine participants rated ‘Very Good’ and two participants rated ‘Good’. With regard to the catering six participants rated it to be ‘Very Good’ and three participants thought that catering was ‘Good’. In rating the opportunities for participation and discussion there where a lot of different opinions. One participant rated it to be “Poor”, one



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“Average” and one thought it to be “Good”. However six participants out of nine rated it to be “Very good”. In terms of the usefulness of the workshop, the rates were “Poor” (2 participants), “Average” (1 participants), “Good” (3 participants) and “Very Good” (3 participants). Finally, regarding an overall opinion about the workshop, four of the participants rated ‘Very Good’, one rated “Good”, two rated “Average” and two participants thought it was “Poor”.