

EQUNET

Enhancing Access through a Focus on Equity

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- 8 partners from 6 countries
 - 4 research organisations
 - 4 stakeholder organisations
 - Expanding network of informal partners
- 3 year project
- 600,000 EUR budget – financed by the EU's Lifelong Learning Programme

EQUNET tackles barriers due to

- Educational background (issues revolving around recognition of non-formal and informal education, or non-traditional types of formal learning such as access for young persons who have been schooled at home, and distance learners)
- Socioeconomic conditions (issues revolving around access for people in employment, with family commitments, coming from divergent income groups, by level of dependency upon parents etc)
- Structural problems in Higher Education (dealing with issues such as curricula, governance structures, admissions standards, funding policies etc).

An evidence based policy network

- policy advocacy, by contributing to shaping EU and if possible national policies in its field. Its main concern is to shape agendas by influencing legislation and guaranteeing the representation of interests at the European level (and at a national or regional level);
- dissemination and cross fertilisation, by promoting the EQUnet research findings and by fostering the exchange of best HE equity practices among relevant stakeholders and communities. As a European dissemination network it acts as a platform for mainstreaming and benchmarking of good practices at the Member states level;
- resources documentation, by supporting the creation of an open archive for equity-related documents and resources.

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- Today we present results of 1st year.