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The profile of the teachers involved

The teachers work in different vocational colleges in Finland, in different towns. There were 4 PE teachers, 1 language teacher and some vocational teachers. There was also one representative from The Cultural and Sports Association of Finnish Vocational Education and Training, SAKU.

The contents of the workshop

The aim of the workshop was to present the project and the toolkits. Afterwards all participants were invited to go through the toolkits and to spread them in their institutions. The discussion dealt with the practical use of the toolkits in this network and in each college.

After the discussion of the toolkits, participants continued to plan the sport events that would take place in May. There were supposed to be two events. First of all, the idea was that all colleges would organise their own street hockey event locally in May to involve as many students as possible to participate. The second sport event was SakuSports at Kisakallio where all colleges were invited to join. The participants could influence on the programme at the workshop and general discussion took place there.

The opinion expressed by the teachers concerning the database of toolkit

As there is a lot of material included in the toolkits, it was not possible to go through them thoroughly during the workshop. The general feedback was positive: the division of the materials according to different target groups was found good. On the other hand, the participants commented that there is a lot of information and it is sometimes difficult to find the key concepts and the exact information needed. The material is easily found in the project website and the participants also appreciated the huge amount of material in different languages. Also the database seemed to work out well, was founded easily and offers interesting models and cases to share on a European level.

The plans for the organisation of the event

For the street hockey tournament there were several meetings organised locally. This workshop was the main meeting to share the plans between different colleges. The innovative aspect of the sport event was to involve students from different vocational fields, e.g. practical nurses, marketing, catering etc. The main idea was to involve as many students as possible and especially those who don't have a sport background. One part of the students participated in the competitive teams and the others were helping with the arrangements, acted as cheerleaders, cheered the players etc. They had also the possibility to try different types of "mini games" around the area, like tennis, street basketball etc. The aim was also to invite vocational teachers to plan and join the event. The participants also discussed on spreading the information and on marketing the sport event both in schools and locally. The main channels were decided to be posters, information tv screens and informative mailing. PE teachers were considered to be responsible in marketing and organising the event.

The second sport event discussed and planned at the workshop was SakuSports that would take in Kisakallio, Lohja. One big challenge that was identified and discussed is that SakuSports event is not free of charge for the colleges which means that some schools decide not to participate in this event. However, colleges feel that it is important to emphasize on the importance of sports during studies and toward working life in order to stay in shape. Therefore some schools consider this event as an opportunity to reward students who have shown good behaviour and motivation at school or do not have the possibility to travel on their own time. Also some students who are not so sportive are encouraged to practice sports in a nice environment and without competition.

The workshop aimed at confirming the idea of who to send there, which teachers to involve, rules for participants and general arrangements. The vocational schools also had the possibility to influence on the contents of the event together with SAKU.

