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1st Announcement

31st Congress of the *International Network of Productive Learning Schools and Projects*
(INEPS)

“Productive Learning – an Answer to the Educational Challenges of 2020?”

10th to 14th May 2020
Vilafranca del Penedès, Catalonia/Spain

Education is constantly on the move. It has to cope with the developments and changes in technology, economy and society in a globalizing world. And it is supposed to be **a key to prepare for and take influence on the future**. Therefore it is a field of high social and political attention.

But education seems to be **“running behind” all the time**: We deliver knowledge and train skills that might be irrelevant very soon, we struggle for better intercultural understanding while global mobility already created multicultural societies almost all over the world, school curricula (not only on media education) are at risk of being outdated by the next technology before they are printed.

How does and how could *Productive Learning* answer to these challenges? The **awareness to the individual** – it's preconditions, needs and interests – in an educational setting of constant **social participation in real-life-situations** is supposed to help bridging “gaps”:

- in between **classroom learning and the social and economic world “outside”** (school development),
- in between **traditional systems in education and the new ICT (digital learning)**,
- in between **citizens, generations and cultures** (inclusive education and social coherence),
- in between **“now” and “tomorrow”** (life-long-learning).

The congress will offer an opportunity to cherish what we have accomplished – and to have a critical look what we didn't and what comes next:

- Which methods and instruments of *Productive Learning* have proved to be successful – and how can we strengthen and disseminate them?
- Which elements of our methodology are less or not successful, need critical revision?
- What are the crucial demands in education of the new decade we have to be ready for?
- And what should we – as educators in *Productive Learning* as well as partners in INEPS do – to prepare for that?

The **City Hall of Vilafranca del Penedès** and the **Institut d'Aprenentatge Productiu (IDAP)** are glad to **invite the INEPS-partners as well as guests** interested in activity-based and individualized education. **It's a unique chance to get to know international practice and experience in this field!**

We want to **celebrate with you as well**: 2020 is the 35th anniversary of the Centre of Occupational Training “Francesc Layret” where the first PL projects in Vilafranca were born (Layret TV and TEVA project in cuisine), the 25th anniversary for the Institut d'Aprenentatge Productiu (IDAP), which was founded parallel to the first INEPS Youth Congress also in Vilafranca, and the 30th anniversary of INEPS.

The congress will offer key speeches addressing important aspects of the topic as well as **workshops** and **discussion groups** to work on chosen topics in depth. Schools in Vilafranca will open their doors for participants to **visit students at their learning sites** in the city and to **discuss** with students and educators in **the “learning workshop” in school**.

Preliminary Congress Program

Sunday, 10th May 2020	
	Arrival day of participants - Welcome Dinner
Monday, 11th May 2020	
	Opening Session. Welcome.
	Key Conference
	Workshops or groups discussion
	1 st General Assembly
	Presentation Market
	City Hall Reception
Tuesday, 12th May 2020	
	Speech
	Workshops or groups discussion
	Cultural visit Penedès Country
Wednesday, 13th May 2020	
	Speech
	Visit to schools
	2 nd General Assembly. Elections.
	Cultural visit Penedès Country
	Farewell dinner
Wednesday, 14th May	
	Departure of the participants

Accommodation

- Recommended hotels in the city center: Hotel DOMO and Hotel Pere III El Gran (both Sercotel chain) around 60€, breakfast included.
- Youth Hostel next to the congress place: 20 €, breakfast included (alberg.vilafranca.cat)

Transport Airport - Vilafranca del Penedès

- By train (around 10 €)
 - R2N From Airport to Barcelona Sants Estació, than change to
 - R4 From Barcelona Sants Estació to Vilafranca del Penedès (direction Sant Vicent de Calders)
- By taxi (around 70 €)

Congress fee

For INEPS members: 300 €


For non-members: 320 €

This congress fee includes facilities and materials, three lunches and two dinners, coffee breaks and transports for cultural visits during the congress days.

You can pay in cash on arrival or by **bank transfer before 10th April 2020**.

For **reservation** please send a mail to: idad@vilafranca.org.

A link to register with all necessary information will be provided soon.



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