

European Funding for Professional Development: Study Visits

Hosting a CEDEFOP Study Visit in the UK - March – June 2008

The CEDEFOP Study Visits programme will soon open a Call for Applications for UK organisations wishing to host a Study Visit for the first semester of 2008. Visits should take place between March and June 2008 and can be organised by any organisation or institution involved in Vocational Education and Training (VET).

The Study Visits Programme aims to support the information flow in the area of vocational training among VET specialists in Europe. The visits offer an opportunity to share discussion, exchange and mutual learning on VET policy and practices. Participants can learn about local training systems, visit places relevant to vocational training and discuss issues with local experts.

Participants come from all over Europe and from diverse professional backgrounds such as teachers, training providers, employers, trade unionists, administrators, and inspectors.

Submitting a proposal

All the application documents will be available online in May 2007 and the deadline for submission will be announced at the same time. We anticipate this will be the beginning of June 2007.

If you would like to host a Study Visit in the first half of 2008, you will need to complete the application documents that will be available online and return them to ECOTEC by the deadline for submission of proposals.

To receive further information on hosting a Study Visit, please contact Marie Allam, Project Manager - VET Study Visits, via studyvisits@ecotec.com or call 0845 199 3939.

Visit examples

Visits last between three and five days and involve:

- Briefing sessions on the UK VET system(s)
- Visits to organisations involved in VET such as training providers
- Opportunities to talk to students, the social partners and training providers

Visits are funded in the UK by the Joint International Unit (part of the Department for Work & Pensions and the Department for Education & Skills) and a grant is available to help towards the costs of running the visit including staff time and costs such as transport.