

Speech by Mr. Farriols Xavier, deputy director of VET programs and resources from the Ministry of Education of the Catalan Government, in the EARLALL General Assembly

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"Policies for local and regional cooperation in the field of lifelong learning in the EU perspective"

The regional or local authorities, according to the competencial frame of different UE states, are actively involved in the deployment and development of lifelong learning policies and actions. The regional powers intervention is carried out following the established EU guidelines and the member states guidelines, implementing competences conferred in each case.

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The cooperation among several European regions is carried out by bilateral or multilateral cooperation in this field. Often this cooperation is performed in the knowledge exchange and good practices (peer learning, study visits, etc.).

In the frame of lifelong learning actions the learning mobility is distinguished because it is a preferential element for developing cooperation among regions. This distinction, which gives it a prominent level in the inter-regional cooperation, lie in the necessary reciprocity among regions interested in educational mobility projects in quality and safety terms. Concretely the interest in promoting broad participation in mobility actions for young people motivate us to create partnerships and cooperative associations with other regional authorities.

In the EARLALL Assembly carried out in the year 2006 in Granada was presented the bilateral agreement between Toscana and Catalunya to promote the exchange of young people in initial VET. Since then until today these agreements have increased among several European regions. In addition to the cooperation agreement with Toscana region there are more cooperation agreements among Catalunya with Wales, Piemonte, Rhône-Alpes, Midi-Pyrénées and Languedoc-Roussillon.

With the purpose to reinforce, with the European Commission and the UE member states, the recognition of the regional authorities role on mobility training, Catalunya organized last May of 2009 the "European Conference of the Regions for the promotion of mobility in Vocational Education and Training" with the participation of representatives of the European Commission, the Committee of Regions and VET responsible people of several European regions and UE states.

In this conference was presented the "Barcelona declaration on the contribution of the regions and territorial authorities regarding the organization and promotion of training mobility of individuals in initial vocational education and training". Since this conference 30 regions, and other sectorial organisations or territorial authorities, have been explicitly adhered in the Declaration.

We thank this support and we want to inform you that the Declaration will be presented in coming months to European institutions: Parliament, Committee of Regions and European Commission.

**THE UNDERSIGNED REGIONS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF THE BARCELONA
DECLARATION REGARDING THE ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION OF TRAINING
MOBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS IN INITIAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

<u>REGION</u>	<u>INSTITUTION</u>
Andalucía (Espagne/Spain)	Junta de Andalucía - Consejería de Educación
Aragón (Espagne/Spain)	Gobierno de Aragón - Consejería de Educación, Cultura y Deporte
Auvergne (France)	Conseil régional d'Auvergne
Baden-Württemberg (Allemagne/Germany)	Ministerium für Kultus, Jugend und Sport Baden-Württemberg
Bretagne (France)	Conseil régional de Bretagne
Castilla León (Espagne/Spain)	Junta de Castilla y León - Consejería de Educación
Castilla-La Mancha (Espagne/Spain)	Junta de Comunidades de Castilla-La Mancha - Consejería de Educación y Ciencia
Catalunya (Espagne/Spain)	Generalitat de Catalunya – Departament d'Educació
Champagne-Ardenne (France)	Région Champagne-Ardenne
Communauté Française de Belgique (Belgium)	Gouvernement de la Communauté Française – Ministère de l'Enseignement Obligatoire
Ile-de-France (France)	Conseil régional d'Ile-de-France
Illes Balears (Espagne/Spain)	Govern de les Illes Balears - Conselleria d'Educació i Cultura
Jämtland (Suède/Sweden)	County Council of Jämtland
Languedoc-Roussillon (France)	Conseil régional Languedoc-Roussillon
Lorraine (France)	Conseil régional de Lorraine
Luxembourg	Ministère de l'Education nationale et de la Formation Professionnelle
Malopolska (Pologne/Poland)	Region de Malopolska
Midi-Pyrénées (France)	Conseil Régional de Midi-Pyrénées
Östergötland / Östsam (Suède/Sweden)	Östsam Regional Development Council
Pais Vasco (Espagne/Spain)	Gobierno Vasco - Departamento de Educación, Universidades e Investigación
Piemonte (Italie/Italy)	Regione Piemonte
Principado de Asturias (Espagne/Spain)	Gobierno del Principado de Asturias - Consejería de Educación y Ciencia
Rhône-Alpes (France)	Conseil régional Rhône-Alpes
Suisse Romande et Tessin (Suisse/Switzerland)	Conférence Intercantonale de l'Instruction Publique
Southern Denmark / Syddanmark (Danemark/Denmark)	Regional Council of Southern Denmark
Toscana (Italie/Italy)	Regione Toscana
Västra Götaland (Suède/Sweden)	Region Västra Götaland
Wales (Royaume Uni/United Kingdom)	Welsh Assembly Government

OTHER INSTITUTIONS :

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>INSTITUTION</u>
Roumanie / Romania	Centrul National Dedezvoltare a Innafamantului Profesional si Tehnic Romania
France	Association Nationale pour la Formation Automobile (ANFA)