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Prologue

Dear colleagues,

As we are coming to the end of the EAC phase III.2, it is time for a brief update on the progress of the European Asylum Curriculum in this phase. In the Newsletter n. 7 you will get information about the development of three new training modules, the EAC Temporary Implementation Unit, introduction of the EAC concept to the Söderköping process in Kiev and the grant application for the project period 2010/2011.

We hope that in this newsletter you will find all the necessary information and you will enjoy it. If you have any further questions or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact us at the e-mail address (EAC-mailbox@migrationsverket.se).

The EAC-project group

Three new training modules in progress (EAC phase III.2)

Since the kick-off took place in Venice 12-14 May, the development of the three training modules on Decision making, Dublin regulation and Asylum Procedures directive has progressed according to plan. Drafts of the content produced up to October have been sent to the Reference Group (UNHCR, IARJL, ECRE and the Commission) for reviews.

The Reference Group will meet the coordinators of the module at the end of January to review content of all the modules. The three modules will be finalised in March 2010 and presented at the final conference in Paris, which should be organized 3-5 March 2010. This mid-term conference will be the end of the EAC phase III.2. Together with the seven training modules these three modules will cover ten out of the thirteen modules as described in the European Asylum Curriculum.

New online IT-platform

As from December 1st all online training on EAC modules are run on the new IT-platform operated and maintained by the EAC-TIU. This implies, among other things, that there will be a new address to the portal; www.asylum-curriculum.eu. Also, existing users will have to request new login details by sending an e-mail to EAC-TIU mailbox eac-training@asylum-curriculum.eu

New procedures for requesting course copies and user accounts will also be introduced. Information will be sent to the national contact points, and it will also be available at the website. Please make sure we have the correct contact information by sending any changes and updates to EAC-TIU mailbox.

Introduction of the EAC concept to the Söderköping process in Kiev

In October the concept on the European Asylum Curriculum was introduced to the Belarus, Moldovan and Ukrainian delegations at the workshop in Kiev. The aim of the workshop was to identify the possible process for implementing EAC in countries involved in the Söderköping Process. We will continue the cooperation with the Söderköping Secretariat in this issue.

Train-the-trainer session arranged by EAC-TIU

The first train-the-trainers course coordinated by EAC Temporary Implementation Unit, on the module Evidence Assessment, has successfully been brought to an end with a face-to-face session in Stockholm.

Thirteen participants from nine countries first learned about how to act as trainers and how to use the online platform when conducting national trainings. Then, two full days were spent on elaborating, discussing and sometimes explaining the theoretical information, example cases and assignments presented in the online training that had proceeded the face-to-face session. This was to ensure the participants could get a thorough understanding of the common EU approach of assessing evidences presented by asylum seekers.

At the course conclusion attendants were asked to complete and return an evaluation form. Feedback of the module and training as a whole was very positive. Though some points out that they would have liked to have even more time for discussion in the face-to-face session. A complete summary of the evaluation is available from EAC-TIU.

Grants for funding

The project phase EAC-III.1 has been finalised and approved by the Commission which means that the expenditures will be refunded in accordance with the grant application covering the project period 2008/09.

On 30 September the next call for proposal for ERF Community actions was published. The deadline for submitting Grant Applications is set to 18 December 2009. This co-funding is expected to cover EAC phase III.3 and further activities at EAC-TIU (such as training coordination).

During the phase III.3 we are planning to:

- develop the final three modules (module on exclusion, module on cessation and module on interviewing vulnerable persons);
- finance the operational work for the maintenance and update of the current modules;
- organize eight training activities;
- coordinate activities with national contact points;
- prepare a feasibility study regarding the handover of the activities to the EASO.

New trainings events

During November/December the face-to-face part of the training in the two combined modules International Refugee Law & Human Rights and Inclusion took place in Stockholm.

For next year we plan to arrange six different training sessions during January to September, on six EAC modules. Please, see the training program below and invitation. Note that deadline for subscribing to the first occasion, on the combined modules Interview technique and Interviewing children, is February 15, 2010. The training program is also available at the EAC website www.asylum-curriculum.eu/.

Training plan 2009/2010

The training plan for 2009/10 is now established and we invite all the GDISC-members to send their national trainers to be trained in methods and content and as well in the trainer's manual for each of the modules. This training will give them the competences needed to train their national colleagues in the EAC modules. All trainings will be in English.



Planned train-the-trainer sessions during 2010

Module	Online preparation	Face-to-face Date and location	Subscription deadline
Interview technique + Interviewing children	Weeks 9-14	Week 15, Utrecht or Vienna	February 15, 2010
Country of Origin Information	Weeks 12-16	Week 17, Utrecht, the Netherlands	March 8, 2010
Dublin Regulation	Weeks 17-20	Week 21, Utrecht, the Netherlands	April 12, 2010
Drafting and Decision Making	Weeks 20-23	Week 24	May 3, 2010
Introduction to EU Asylum Law and Policy	Weeks 34-38	Week 39	June 14, 2010
Asylum Procedure Directive	Weeks 35-38	Week 39	July 30, 2010

We hereby invite you to subscribe for these training sessions!

Please send your subscriptions to eac-training@asylum-curriculum.eu. We would be very pleased if you could send your subscriptions as soon as possible, and no later than the date indicated in the table above.

Location: The first face-to-face training will be held either in Vienna, Austria or in Utrecht, the Netherlands. Following two sessions will be held at the Dutch immigration agency's Knowledge and Learning Centre, KLC, in Utrecht. Locations for the remaining occasions will be decided later.

Costs: There are no fees for the training, but participants have to cover their own costs for travel and accommodation.

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