

Cross-Border Collaboration between Career Guidance and Counselling Services in the Heart of Europe

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After a crisis situation such as a war, a natural disaster or any other life-changing event, individual and collective confidence is shaken and reconstruction at both these levels must take priority. In such circumstances, cross-border cooperation promotes increased individual mobility, enhanced personal development, and employability.

After World War II, the need for reconstruction and the resulting close cooperation between 6 European countries led to the development of a more socially orientated economic model which, in turn, laid the foundations of today's European Union of 28 member states. These states share common political institutions, enjoy the freedom of movement of citizens, and have harmonised Higher Education systems.



Over time, cross-border cooperation between educational and vocational counselling and guidance services has been implemented across the Luxembourgish, German and French border regions in order to better meet the needs of both individuals and enterprises. Political structures have evolved towards the mutual recognition of diplomas and qualifications. Collaboration across borders has led to the development of formal and informal learning possibilities through the transfer of skills and competences as well as through participation in mobility experiences.

The development of innovative pilot schemes initiated by professionals in the field of career guidance and counselling has enabled citizens in these countries to overcome difficult post-war circumstances and has changed lives for the better.

Cross-border cooperation in education, counselling and employment can act as an accelerator for innovation in education and guidance and assist individuals in acquiring skills and competences that foster personal development and socio-professional integration.

Such cross-border cooperation is an example of how a crisis situation can be overcome. A prerequisite for success is the necessary political will at governmental and regional levels. Ultimately however, it is the individual counsellors in France, Germany and Luxembourg who, through regular exchange and dialogue, through getting to know each other's cultures and traditions, through mutual recognition of professional standards and qualifications, through the adoption of best practices and through ever closer cooperation at all institutional levels, have brought about the true success of this collaboration.



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