

From Virtual Campus to Reality

Experiences from EuroPACE

EuroPACE ivzw

- European non-profit association of universities, educational organisations and their networks
- “Fostering collaboration in e-learning”



Interests & Activities

- Innovation
- New Educational Technologies
- Virtual Mobility
- Quality in e-learning

expert advise, EC projects,
networking, Training,
publications, events



Mobility

University

Course

VIRTUAL

Campus

Class

Seminar

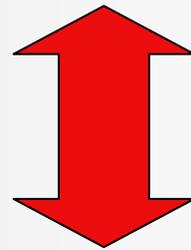
Virtual Campus: advantages

- **ACCESS** to New, non-traditional, remote audiences
 - Geographically: students abroad
 - Time and space – the “lifelong learner” with family, kids, jobs
- **SKILLS** for new work methods
- **PARTNERSHIPS**
 - Knowledge transfer
 - Enlarged visibility of institutions

Past: clear boundaries

Registration, administration, course provision, tutoring,
examination, creditation

traditional university
on-campus



virtual university
online

What is a Virtual Campus Nowadays?

Blended models

- Traditional universities opening their offer through e-learning for the “distant” or “off-campus” student
- Virtual classes and seminars for traditional students
- Virtual collaboration between universities for example joint course development, joint master degrees (cfr. Being Mobile Handbook)
- Extended university: reaching citizens through e-learning (cfr. VENUS). Mostly non-formal online evening seminars

The K.U.Leuven Example

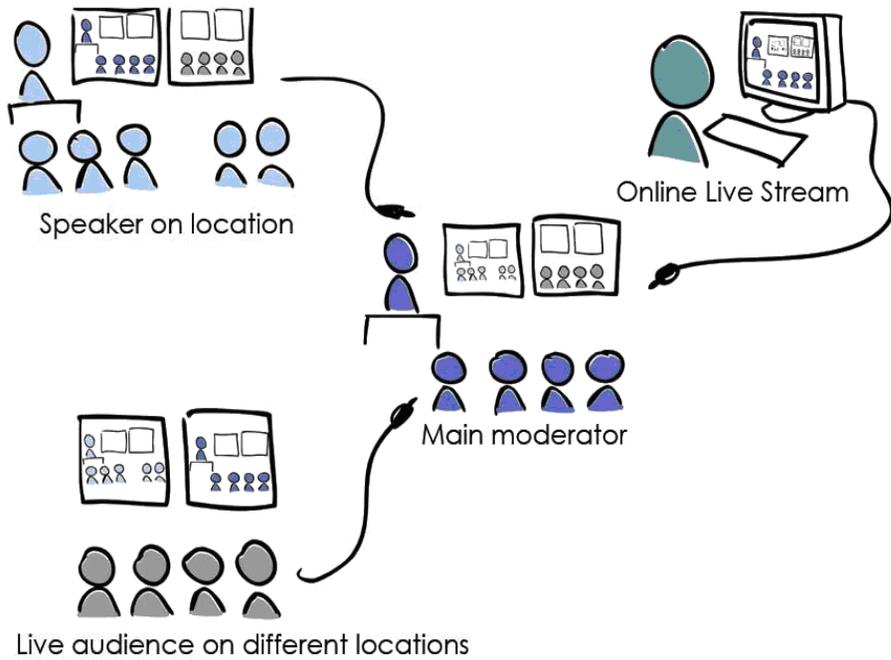
K.U.L. teaching concepts

- Face-2-face courses
- Guided independent self-study (mostly print books and face-2-face contact hours but sometimes with e-learning elements)
- Multi-campus concept:
 - Extending its offer to the lifelong learner
 - Collaboration with Open University Netherlands
 - “working” student – evening courses, one course at a time
 - VENUS – international seminars open for citizens
 - Different campuses throughout Flanders are connected through e-learning

VENUS – Expert Seminars

- International top experts
- 7 universities linked (“multicampus”) by:
 - Videoconferencing
 - Webstreaming
 - Moderated chat during the seminar
- Series of 1 evening seminar per month during academic year
- One full-day summer school during 1st week of September
- Project outputs
 - Virtual Seminar Organisation Handbook
 - Online module: ‘Europe in Focus’
 - <http://www.venus-project.net>
- Target: citizens, non-traditional students, workers





Venus Seminar - March 15th, 2007 - Risto Linturi - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.avnet.kuleuven.be/venuslive/venus6.htm

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Venus Seminars

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Visionary Thinking - How to Develop Radical Ideas and Innovations

Venus Seminars, March 14 2007, 18h00 - 20h00 CET
Risto Linturi, www.linturi.fi

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Recorded on March 14th, 2007

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***How will EuroPACE deal with its existing
Virtual Campus know-how in the future?***

Re.ViCa – Reviewing Virtual Campus

“ *Re.ViCa will make a review of virtual campuses all over Europe and disseminate its results in Europe. By comparing European and non-European initiatives, guidelines and success-factors will be created to enable institutions to set up a Virtual Campus to maximise their performance* ”

Re.ViCa - activities

- Research and definition of concept
 - Non-exhaustiveL only best and failed cases
 - In-depth
 - Inside information
- Comparison with non-european examples
 - Define their success factors
- Experts to review and improve

Re.ViCa - Outputs

- Global benchmark overview
- Manual of guidelines, best-practises, recommendations
- Presentation of results at public events
- Meetings with policy makers
- Wiki on virtual campus
<http://revica.europace.org>

Previous related research

Being Mobile

MASSIVE

REVE
Real Virtual Erasmus

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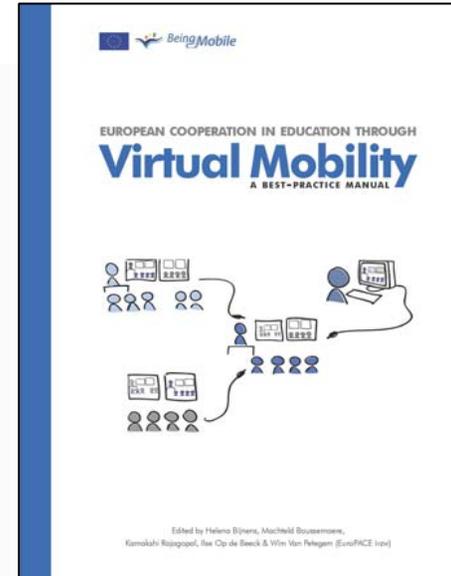
Venus

VM-BASE

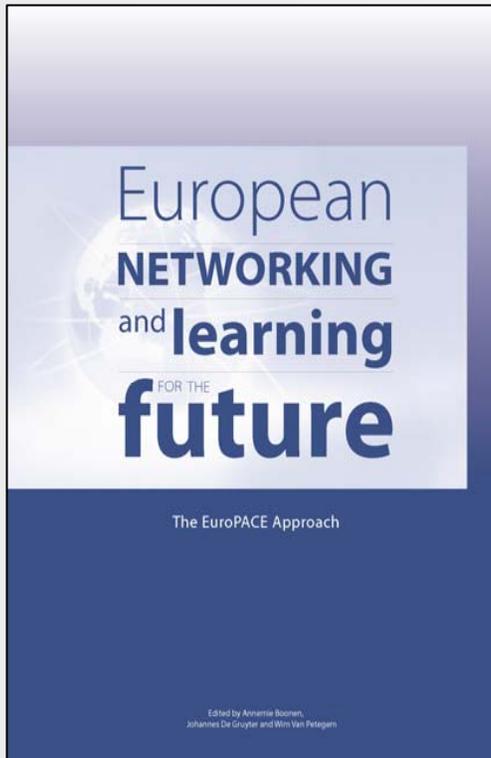
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More information from these projects?

- **Being Mobile Manual:**
“European Cooperation through Virtual Mobility – a Best-Practice Manual”
- **REVE Manual:**
“Virtual Mobility Manual”
- **VENUS Handbook:**
“Organising Virtual European Seminars”
- **cEVU Manual**
http://www.europace.org/articles%20and%20reports/cEVU_manual.pdf
- **EuroPACE website:**
<http://www.europace.org>



Forthcoming EuroPACE Publication



- “European Networking and Learning for the Future”
- Edited by Annemie Boonen and Wim Van Petegem

A photograph of a modern, dark grey building with large windows. A person is walking on the steps in front of the building. The sky is blue with white clouds. There are green trees and bushes in the foreground.

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