



ENVITER

European Network for Vision Impairment Training Education & Research

Transnational Co-operation Document (TCD)

§1. Introduction

ENVITER is a European network of organisations which are active in the field of lifelong learning for people who are visually impaired.

§ 2. Mission

Through cooperation, ENVITER will promote and develop services in order to improve the quality of life of people who are visually impaired.

§3. Aim

ENVITER will develop and implement standards and methodologies of professional practice which will enable the continuing inclusion of people with visual impairments within their communities.

§ 4. Objectives

ENVITER develops and implements standards and methodologies of professional practice which enable the continuing inclusion of people with visual impairments within their own communities.

ENVITER is aware of growing European Unification and of the necessity for co-operation on a permanent basis within the EU in order to promote these activities.

Accordingly, it provides the vehicle for achieving the following objectives:

- To provide a network for service providers working in the field of lifelong learning with and on behalf of people with visual impairments.
- To provide a European forum for the exchange of knowledge, expertise and experience of the members of this network.
- To promote and influence good practice in the field of services for people with vision impairment.
- Jointly to conduct and support research, training and dissemination of evidence based learning directed towards improving access to lifelong learning and other services for people with visual impairments.
- To share expertise and experience in a peer reviewed setting in order to promote the development of services and the accompanying best practices.

§ 5. Procedures

- a. The board meets when requested by the president, but, in any case, at least twice a year
- b. Every year a working programme will be confirmed by the members
- c. Every two years an action plan will be confirmed by the members
- d. Every year a budget will be confirmed by the members
- e. A co-ordination point will be established which performs at least the following Tasks:
 - providing information and documentation (e.g. via Website)
 - exploring possibilities of fundraising
 - coordinating ENVITER actions
 - supporting and preparing meetings of the council and the board
 - networking with relevant organisations, executives and civil servants.

§ 6. Participants

Every organisation mentioned in § 1 participates with their director or nominated representative. The person can be accompanied by a staff member or manager.

Application for and termination of membership are to be submitted in writing to the Board.

§ 7. Board

ENVITER General Meetings elect between 4 and 8 members for the Board among the Directors.

Officers of the Board are elected by the Board Members, and include:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Other(s) as determined by the Board

The board is responsible for the objectives and activities mentioned in § 4 and § 5. The elected Board members will be in office for a period of two years. The Board will meet twice a year and make an annual report of the events of the past year.

The Board Meeting is based on an open structure for all members of ENVITER, but only Board members are entitled to vote.

§ 8. Decision making

Decisions of the General meetings are made by an absolute majority of members present who are entitled to vote.

§ 9. Finances

Every year a budget will be confirmed by the members.

At the same time the resulting contribution per institute will be confirmed by the members.

Every half year the treasurer will present an account of expenditure during the past half year and a budget plan for the current financial year. The accounts are verified each year by “auditors of accounts”, who are active members without any other responsibilities within the Board.



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On 1st of May 2009, Members of ENVITER are :

Visio

Apeldoorn - THE NETHERLANDS

Institute for the Blind and Partially Sighted

Hellerup - DENMARK

Institut Montclair

Angers - FRANCE

Association Voir Ensemble

Centre Villeneuve Ste Odile - Plénée-Jugon
FRANCE

Berufsförderungswerk Halle GmbH

Halle - GERMANY

Berufsförderungswerk Düren GmbH

Düren - GERMANY

RNCB –

The Royal National College for the Blind

Hereford - UNITED KINGDOM

Brailleliga

Brussels - BELGIUM

NCBI - The National Council for the Blind

Dublin - IRELAND

Arla Instituuti

Espoo - FINLAND

Resource Centre for Blind Children

Budapest - HUNGARY

Liceul Pentru Deficienti de Vedere

Cluj-Napoca - ROMANIA

National Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind

Plovdiv- BULGARIA