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The SECURE project is in its final stage. SECURE presents the outcomes at international conferences like ESERA. The final conference of SECURE is postponed and takes place on 24th and 25th OCTOBER 2013.

The work package "Coordination"

The leader of this workpackage, Job De Meyere from Thomas More Kempen (former KHK) is dealing with all kinds of loose ends which now become important to solve. Furthermore he needs to keep people on track of the project proposal, it's aims and objectives and the timing. On April 30th, around midnight, four deliverables were uploaded to EC's electronic system.

Deliverables are important documents in relation to the European Commission: they provide proof for progress of the project, but are also stepstones for SECURE as a project. They are building blocks for the final report.

ESERA: European Science Education Research Association, which every other year organises one of the biggest conferences on science in Europe. This time it takes place in Nicosia, Cyprus, from 2-7 September. Some 800 participants can expect hundreds of presentations and posters in 10-15 parallel sessions, during the whole week.
<http://www.esera2013.org.cy>

The work package "Scientific coordination"

D. Sokolowska from Krakow (PL), is responsible for formulating recommendations and the communication in the scientific world of research. Writing abstracts, articles and attending conferences is part of her job now, along with a lot of review work. She also needs to motivate and coordinate other partners' initiatives. Big upcoming events are the ICPE conference in Prague (with a SECURE presentation and a poster) and the ESERA conference in Cyprus. SECURE will have a symposium there, with four presentations and a discussant. Also our partners from Sweden, Austria, Cyprus and Slovenia have presentations on particular subjects, coming out of SECURE research. **People present are kindly invited to attend.** Later on conferences in Spain and Turkey are on the to do list.

The SECURE project results can be presented on a large number of international conferences.

There are two main target groups: the academic research world and the decision makers (educational organisations, ministries, curriculum makers). SECURE wants to address both groups on all possible occasions. Contact us if you are interested in the SECURE results for the event you organise.

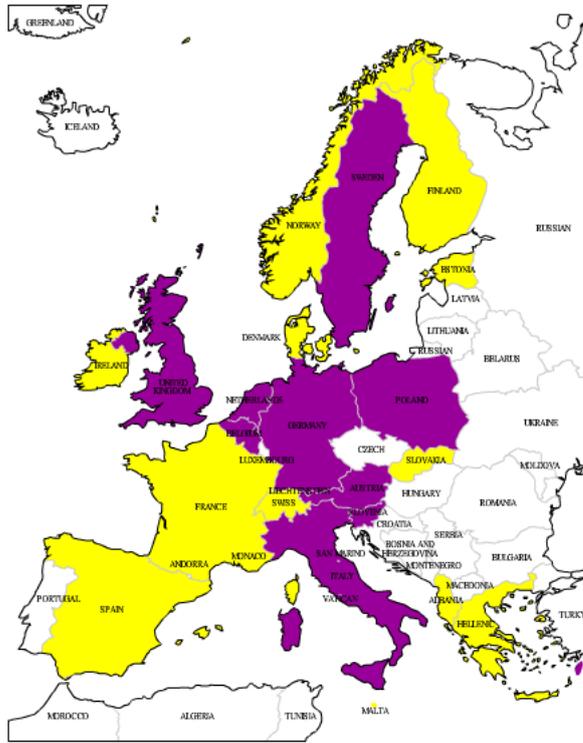
The work package “Design and Analysis”

Newsletter 3 mentioned that partners of SECURE are analysing all data provided. In view of the expert group meeting, a summary report of the curricula was finalised, a descriptive analysis of the questionnaires was carried out and the interview reports were upgraded. It takes so much effort that still not all the work is finished.

During the 2,5 days of the **Expert Group Meeting** in June in Antwerp, different partners of SECURE presented one after the other all results available: the cross country report of the curriculum, the results of the questionnaires in hundreds of graphs covering the spider web components for each of the SECURE countries, split according to age, learners and teachers and finally the interview reports. The last morning the first set of preliminary recommendations was also discussed.

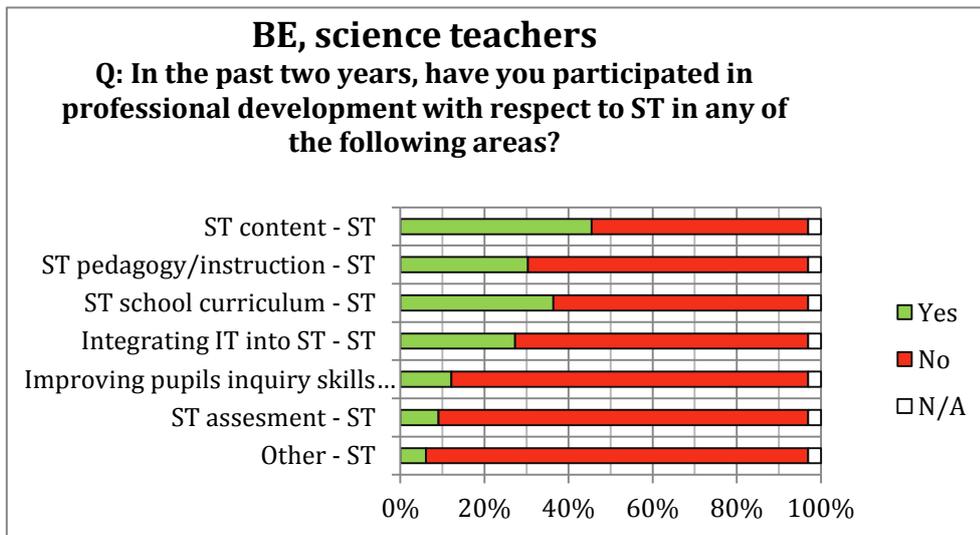


Picture: Job De Meyere presenting the SECURE project to the group of experts in the historical Bernarduscentrum, where, among others, Napoleon resided for several months, coordinating preparations for a war against Great Britain.

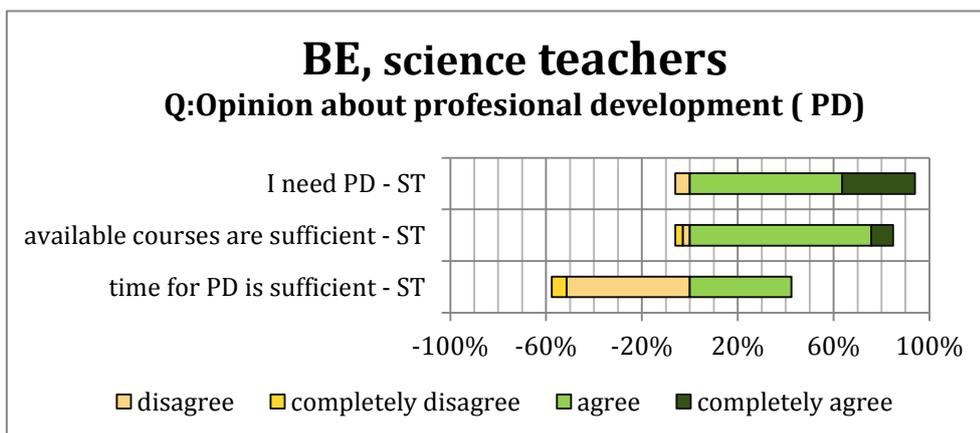


The map shows that the number of countries closely linked to SECURE has grown to 23; are added: Malta, Albania, Greece, Slovakia, Estonia, Finland, Norway, Denmark, also Scotland (which is regarded as a different country because it has a different educational system), Ireland, France, Spain and Switzerland.

A taste of results: the graphs show the answers of 72 Belgian integrated science teachers (ages 8,11 and 13 together) to two questions.



In two years not too many professional development activities were attended. On the other hand they express very clearly their need for it.



These are only two graphs out of hundreds to explore for particular and interesting trends.

The work package “Valorisation and dissemination”

The idea of “**associated partners**” was launched. This basically means that organisations (universities or others) agree with the SECURE project as such to take part in the feedback and dissemination process and that SECURE in return will maximally inform those partners on the progress and the results and will contribute in the costs for attending the final conference. **SECURE is looking for candidates:** please email Wim Peeters.

The last official large scale action of SECURE will be **the final conference**. During the EGM, and the expectations they expressed, and also because the SECURE partners themselves want it, the final, international conference is **postponed to October, 24th and 25th**. ESERA draws all our attention in the beginning of September, so this solution gives us five more weeks to prepare. **All stakeholders from all countries are kindly invited to take part**. The morning of the first day (24th) is dedicated to presentations on other projects, in the afternoon the SECURE project results will be presented during an academic session. The 25th, discussions and interactive workshops, all related to the results of course, are organised for highly interested stakeholders. The venue, a very nicely renewed brewery, will be in Mechelen, a typical Flemish small city with a lot of history and an unfinished cathedral tower...

SECURE’s FINAL CONFERENCE will take place in Mechelen, Belgium, on 24th and 25th of OCTOBER 2013.

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DETAILS IN NEWSLETTER 5, AROUND SEPTEMBER 22nd.

Contact all participants from SECURE via the website. Any question on outreach, valorisation, meetings or expert group will be answered by wim.peeters.int@telenet.be.

The SECURE team thanks you for reading about our project!