

**Centrum voor Europese Studies en Opleidingen**, Centre for European Studies and Training is a non-profit association without members dealing with consultancy in European programmes (until 2002 external expert of two big Regional Training Centres in Maastricht and Heerlen). Main areas: education, training, schooling, ICT in education and SMEs, information society, European citizenship and gender mainstreaming.

The CESO consists of the director and a various number of free-lancers.

The CESO has been developing and realising projects under various European programmes such as Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig, Social Exclusion, Connect, Prince etc. e.g. *"Empowering Disadvantaged Young Adults for Traditional Craft Activities"* in 2003 – 2006; *"Actions citoyennes: une étape vers une égalité des changes durable"* in 2003 -2005; *"Network against Social Exclusion"* in 2001 – 2003; *"Favoriser l'insertion sociale par la pratique citoyenne"* in 2001 – 2002; etc. As partner has been participating in the Grundtvig 4 Network *"OASIS"- Open Activities Network – Strategies and Integrated System"* in 2003 -2005 and in two relevant Leonardo da Vinci projects (*EDYCATE*: entrepreneurship, youngsters at risk; *PACE*: development of partial qualifications) etc. (please see also the attached CV).

The CESO worked in the role of consultant for setting up a Second Chance School in Heerlen, NL, (contract European Commission) and executed the evaluation of the pilot-project Second Chance Schools (1995-2000) for the European Commission.

**ACT! relevant projects:**

In the framework of ACT! an actual regional project will be involved aiming at developing "innovative products and services" for young immigrants with a low or without education and qualification, older immigrants of the first generation. In this project 8 municipalities of the region of Parkstad Limburg will collaborate with the Open University, the Fachhochschule, wellfareservices and colleges.