



Fourth Meeting Report

The fourth meeting of the EDGE Project took place in Fátima, Portugal, from September 25th till September 29th. The hosting organization was INSIGNARE.

The participants were Colm Galvin, Patricia Kennedy, Shelia McDonald and Vivienne Ryan, from Ireland; Rhydian Williams and Simon Conlin, from Wales, UK; Vassiliki Tsekoura and Christos Giannakopoulos, from Greece; Thomas Hetterle, Thomas Mayrhofer, Anika Reichardt and Herbert Depner, from Austria; Sérgio Fernandes, Sónia Pereira, José Carlos Alves and Margarida Rodrigues, from Portugal.

Besides sharing information regarding the progress of the project and supervising the overall management, the main goal of the meeting was discussing the eportfolio methodology and implementation. Other issues were to talk about next steps, update badges and present the diffusion strategy of the results.

Each partner presented their results on badges pilot, including the major difficulties and successes of the questionnaire's implementation and the consequent discussion focused on employability and companies' recognition. Ways of handling with these problems were also discussed.

The coordinator also examined with each partner's contact person the financial and administrative issues of the partnership.

The final report was prepared, after a relevant presentation made by the Greek partner, who is responsible for this part.

Each partners' tasks until Ireland's meeting were agreed.

The hosting partner, INSIGNARE, took the participants to two centres of Adult Training and Validation, where they were able to see *in loco* adults on training and validation activities, talking with them about the process, their expectations and needs.

Irish partner developed a workshop about an eportfolio platform – Mahara - and the way Open Badges can and should be integrated into it. After discussion, all partners agreed that this was not the only one that could be used, so each partner could choose the one that better fit one's needs.

After that, the structure of the eportfolio pilot was agreed and a system for collating and feeding back information gathered was planned, in order to be presented during Ireland's meeting.

Dissemination strategy and the fourth newsletter were also discussed.



This meeting of the EDGE project partners in Portugal was really efficient, as meaningful discussions were made.