Higher Education Institutes and Enterprises joining in empowering employees in Social Economy



- \*Context-specific guidelines for learning@workplace: Call for projects Department Education Flemish Government (2011-2012)
- \*Project: Guideline Family-directed workplace-learning in Social Economy: partners:
  - °HUB-Department Family Sciences (coordinator)
  - °VOSEC/ CollondSE: umbrella-organisation for support to SE
  - ° SE-enterpises: Ateljee, Opnieuw en co, CDJ Services
  - °RegionalTechnological Center Vlaams-Brabant



Context: Bachelor Family Sciences: two trajects:

\*Traject Students with life and work experience

\*Traject 'young adults' (traject 'without life and work experience'):

2nd and 3th phase of curriculum:

700 hours Learning @the workplace

2nd phase of curriculum: in social economy (since 2010-2011)

Aim of the project: validated check-list /guideline for learning@workplace for professional bachelor students (Family Science, Social Work, Orthopedagogy, ...)



FAMILY

WELL-BEING

LEARNING@WORK

WORK

**PROSPERITY** 

SOCIAL ECONOMY

#### Methodology

- \*Preparatory phase (october-november 2011):
  - °Study of Literature: topics:
    - -Quality assurance in learning@workplace (a.o.: Guideline Flemish Department for Education (2008), Guideline Competences-directed learning@workplace, University Antwerp (2011), Donche et al. (2012))
    - -Added values of Social Economy (a.o.: Report on Social Economy in Flanders (VOSEC, 2010))
    - -Learning climate conceptualisation (a.o.: Baert, 2006)
    - -Positive psychology and counseling of employees (a.o.: Cohn, Frederickson, (2009); Blondeel (2010); Sannen et al. (2011))
    - -Poverty and diversity in employees of Social Economy (a.o. Report on Poverty in Flanders (2011); Report on diversity issues on the workfloor (2010))
    - -Regulation of Social Economy in Flanders (a.o policy documents F Vandenbossche)

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#### Methodology (continued)

- \*Preparatory phase:
  - Stakeholders discussion (practical trainers Family Sciences, VOSEC/CollondSE, HRM-managers SE-companies)
- \*Focusgroup on the relationship work-family life in SE and on year-traject of learning @workplace (november 2011)
- \*1st phase of testing (10 companies): testing first edition of the guideline (january-february 2012)
- \*Intermediate evaluation and writing 2nd edition of the guideline
- \*2nd phase of testing (10 companies): testing 2nd edition of the guideline (june 2012)
- \*Endevaluation and writing 3d edition of the guideline (august 2012)



#### Checklist: 11 premises

\*Quality Assurance (1-3)

a.o.: Discussion on the competencies and learning-targets: matching educational curriculum and enterprise

Concretisation of coaching and evaluation process

Creating the conditions for the learning motivation of the student

\*Social Economy (4-6)

a.o.: Learning along the line of added values of SE

Follow up of the policy making of the government on SE

Learning and coaching of employees along the line of positive



Checklist: 11 premises

\*An 'inviting' workplace (7)

a.o.: creating of internal and external learning networks for students

\*Family directed learning (8-11): implementing results of focus-group:

a.o.: influence of poverty on family context and motivation to work influence of cultural diversity-issues on motivation to work influence of family-problems on motivation to work work as pathway to insurance and family-empowerment



## Family-directed learning at the workplace in social economy

#### Structure checklist

I Plan II Do	Preparatory phase of learning at the workplace Implementation in
III Check	year-traject Evaluation
and Act (Adjust)	Preparation next traject



## Family -directed learning at the workplace in social economy

Steps in checklist (each check of each phase of the year-traject-cycle leads tot go's)

CHECK	What?
	Who?
	When?
	Remarks?
GO	Theoretical framework
	Input research/literature
	Input focusgroup

Go:concrete paper-and click-on electronic resources



## Family-directed learning at the workplace in social economy Discovering the Checklist

#### Results of project:

- \*Checklist (paper- and electronic version):
  - -validated guideline for family-directed learning@the workplace in SE
  - -rich click-on list of resources as to SE and quality-management in learning@the workplace
- \*Applyable in context of professional bachelors with learning@the workplace traject



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