

PRESS RELEASE



Winners: Leonardo da Vinci Awards 2004

*“Strengthening European cooperation
in vocational education and training”*

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The first ever Leonardo da Vinci Awards launched by the Directorate General for Education and Culture of the European Commission were presented last night in Maastricht. A special gala ceremony was held in the Fort Saint Pieter to reward the three projects which were judged the best examples of dynamic transnational vocational education and training (VET) in Europe.

Mark Rutte, Dutch State Secretary of Education presented the awards along with Nikolaus van der Pas, Director General of Education and Culture of the European Commission, and Jane Davidson, Welsh Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning.

Three shining examples of European VET win prestigious Leonardo da Vinci Awards

From a shortlist of 32 nominated projects, the final 3 equal first winners are as follows:

- Pan-European project – Leonardo Power Quality Initiative (LPQI)
Powerful learning creates professional energy
Promoter: European Copper Institute
Partner countries: Belgium, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain, UK
- Norway – Accumulated Knowledge and Skills
Giving credit for accumulated knowledge and skills benefits everyone
Promoter: ELBUS – Norwegian Electro-technical Research and Development Centre
Partner countries: Denmark, Greece, Norway, Sweden, UK
- United Kingdom – European Medical Imaging Technology Training
E-learning develops medical imaging skills
Promoter: EMIT Consortium
Partner countries: France, Italy, Sweden, UK

Award designed by apprentice European goldsmith

The striking trophy that was presented to the 3 lucky winners was created by Katrin Marx, apprentice jeweller-goldsmith from Germany. Katrin, who started her training in 2003, won a Europe-wide competition to design the trophy.

More detailed information on the Leonardo da Vinci Awards 2004, can be found on:
http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/leonardo/new/valorisation/maastricht_en.html.

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