

Open ENLoCC Newsletter

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CASTLE approved



As many of you already know, the CASTLE project, acronym of “Cooperation Among SMEs Toward Logistic Excellence”, has been approved under Interreg IVC. It includes activities that go along well with “Open ENLoCC”:

“CASTLE pushes to create new regional policy tools usable by policy makers in the participating regions: the Regional Forums on Logistics bring SMEs’ logistics needs to policy makers on the base of the triple-helix principle in order to define policy guidelines and the Joint Partners’ Policy Making Exercises are carried out into the so called “EU Knowledge Transfer Forums” in which the policy makers are trained in order to fit best practices into regional contexts.

CASTLE “policy-learning” is based on four fundamental topics:

- the strengthening of the logistics supply & the logistics industry;
- the improvement of the logistics demand in the production systems (industrial areas & clusters);
- the strengthening of logistics training for SMEs systems;
- the institutional & governance consolidation in logistics, public-private cooperation in policies set up.



Primary targets are selected public administrations with which setting up privileged transfer sessions. Forty new selected regions receive the CASTLE best practices and results, thus fostering a project follow up after its end.”

Lead partner of CASTLE is the Institute for Transport and Logistics Foundation ITL of our member Regione Emilia Romagna from Bologna. Other Open ENLoCC members represented in CASTLE are the Institute of Logistics and Warehousing ILIM in Poznan, Stuttgart Region Economic Development Corporation WRS in Stuttgart, the University of Maribor and the development agency of Carinthia in Klagenfurt. and the Pannon Business Network Association in Győr, of which the Pannon Logistics Cluster is Open ENLoCC member.

While there is no formal way to join CASTLE after its start, it allows many common activities which will also be of interest to those Open ENLoCC members which are not part of the CASTLE consortium.

TraLoTra results accessible



The TraLoTra project has focused on developing e-learning training material for teaching about intermodal transport. Besides that focus, there is content about supply chain management as well as about data and information standards in logistics. TraLoTra is a Marco Polo project under the lead partnership of the Province of Brescia.

For Open ENLoCC members, knowledge about these topics is a key issue. Many of the members already do teaching, training or consulting in this field. Therefore, the first thing to point out is that the TraLoTra platform content is public property. It can generally be accessed by everybody and is especially recommended for the Open ENLoCC partners. We therefore suggest to visit www.tralotra.eu or to go directly to the platform content via <http://tralotra.paradigma.net>.

Workshop in Stuttgart, March 3rd, 2009



A workshop for Open ENLoCC is herewith announced for March 3rd in Stuttgart. Location and date are selected because of the LogiMAT fair, a leading European fair for intralogistics. The workshop will be held on the fairground in the lounge of Stuttgart Region. The fairground is right next to Stuttgart Airport, within easy walking distance from the terminals, and can also be easily accessed from Stuttgart downtown by commuter train.

The topic will be the outcome of TraLoTra, not only regarding the content, but also about the ways to make use of it, both for studying and for teaching. This will be of interest also for the members of the “Delphi” project, which has ITL of Bologna as Technical Coordinator and is co-financed through the Leonardo da Vinci Programme. It also deals with e-learning in logistics. We may therefore merge workshops, if the Delphi partners agree. Also, we plan to join with the “CASTLE” project on this topic.



The LogiMAT fair in Stuttgart will be held from March 3rd to March 5th. All workshop participants will be invited to visit the fair. See <http://www.logimat-messe.de/english/index.php>.

For the morning of March 4th, an Open ENLoCC Steering Committee meeting is scheduled at the same location.

Open ENLoCC on Transport Logistic, Munich, May 12th to 15th, 2009



Open ENLoCC will be represented on the Transport Logistic fair in Munich, 12th to 15th of May 2009, by a booth with Stuttgart Region as in 2007 (see photo). We do not plan an official program, but please drop in at the booth if you are on the fair. Also, let us know in which booth you can be contacted during the fair.



Workshop together with General Assembly, Turku, July 23rd/24th, 2009



The yearly meeting, to be held in Turku on 23rd/24th of July, will be combined with a workshop under the preliminary title “Logistics vs. Administration”. This seminar would be of importance to all players in the field of logistics that regularly have to negotiate with different levels of public administration.

We plan to team up with the CASTLE project again, or at least to open the workshop part to the CASTLE members, to have a wider audience. As a result, this will make for a rather substantial program in Turku. Remember that Open ENLoCC members can claim travel expenses up to 500 Euros for joining the General Assembly.

Regional workshop



In this context, KLOK announces its plan to do a regional forerunner of the Turku seminar in German language in Stuttgart, probably in April. Members who speak German are invited to take part. However, the regional workshop will deal only with a German administrative environment, while the Turku workshop will collect examples from the home countries of other Open ENLoCC members.

Restructuring



KLOK

Kooperationszentrum
Logistik e.V.

KLOK in Stuttgart Region has in the past gone through a phase of heavy restructuring. It is now time to announce the light at the end of the tunnel: A new legal entity has been founded to take over the activities. Instead of the old KLOK Kompetenzzentrum Logistik Kornwestheim GmbH (“limited”), which is in the sole ownership of the town of Kornwestheim and now in the process of liquidation, there is the new KLOK Kooperationszentrum Logistik e. V. (“association”).

The new association is supported by

- the town of Kornwestheim,
- the Stuttgart Region Economic Development Corporation (WRS),
- the town of Ludwigsburg, plus
- Stuttgart Harbour,
- Stuttgart University,
- the State Association of Industry,
- the State Association of Forwarding and Logistics.

The new organization has a substantial work program and a budget. It is legally able to take part in new projects.

The members of the Open ENLoCC Steering Committee have agreed to shift the work of the Secretariat to the new organization.