



Newsletter #3

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Dear readers,

Hereby we present you the fourth and final LEXSHA newsletter. Unfortunately the LEXSHA project is coming to an end. As a closure of the project, a very successful and interesting final conference took place on the 25th of November at the University of Bordeaux. The program included inspiring speakers from different organisations, round table sessions, a presentation of the LEXSHA award winners and a visit at the FabLab. Also the local implementations of the LEXSHA training program were discussed during the conference. The days after the conference, partners mainly talked about the sustainability of LEXSHA and discussed how to continue with LEXSHA. Read more about the conference, the evaluation of the LEXSHA national pilot implementations of the training program and the future of LEXSHA it in this final edition.

Never forget to LEarn, EXplore & SHAre!

The LEXSHA project team

SUCCESSFUL FINAL CONFERENCE

On the 25th of November the final LEXSHA conference was held at the University of Bordeaux. The program consisted of different inspiring speakers, round table sessions and a visit at the FabLab. After an introduction of the day by Alain Rousset, president of the Region Aquitaine, it was Gunilla Almgren, president of the European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (UEAPME), who spoke about the economic challenges for VSEs, competence development and sharing across borders.



After that the focus was on LEXSHA. The LEXSHA concept and platform was explained and the local implementations of the training program were presented. After the break participants and facilitators of the national pilots from different European countries took their place at the stage and talked about their LEXSHA experiences. This was followed by the presentation of the LEXSHA award



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winners. Read more about this in the following news item. After that it was time for a lunch and networking break. The afternoon was marked by speeches about different subjects such as the BARTER model, Guerilla e-learning and Digital approaches in Vocational Education and Training. The official part of the conference was closed by a presentation of the LEXSHA legacy, how to grow forward. To stretch the legs a visit at the FabLab and Coh@bit (Creative Open House Bordeaux Institute of Technology) was planned. Here everyone had the opportunity to experience different innovative techniques such as 3D printing, 3D image projection etc. After this interesting visit the day was closed by a very nice wine and cheese party.



LEXSHA AWARD WINNERS

Per country there was nominated one LEXSHA for the LEXSHA awards. One by one, the LEXSHA makers were presented during the final conference and later on in the FabLab they were once again put in the spotlight when receiving the LEXSHA award. The created LEXSHAs treated very different topics, from mentoring models to tips for generating leads with email to preparations for the launch of your new business. The nominated LEXSHA makers were:

- France - Pierre Bergerot
- Netherlands – John Martini
- Portugal – António Costa
- Greece – Eugenia Kanellakopoulou
- Sweden – Eva Fodor
- United Kingdom – Siobhan James-Lynn
- Lithuania – Henrikas Urbonas

Interested in the LEXSHAs?

View them on www.lexsha.virtual-campus.eu!



EVALUATION OF THE LEXSHA NATIONAL PILOTS

The LEXSHA National pilots demonstrated that there is a level of interest and potential demand for the LEXSHA platform and therefore consideration should be given to a longer term sustainability strategy. The most popular format for the production of LEXSHA was PDF followed by PowerPoint based presentations – this probably reflects

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the fact that most of the How to use LEXSHAs (Modules 1 – 5) adopted this format and therefore influenced participant's perception of what a LEXSHA should look like. 96.4% of participants from the seven European countries found the LEXSHA Platform to be intuitive and 88.6% of respondents intend to continue to use LEXSHA.

FUTURE OF LEXSHA

After the final conference partners met 1,5 days to discuss the remaining tasks and duties for the project but more important, the future of LEXSHA. Partners are willing to continue with LEXSHA, have given serious thoughts about how to continue and drew up action plans for it. For the majority of the partners LEXSHA could serve as a useful tool within their organisation and network. LEXSHA will be promoted in their networks and other regional and European projects. In close consultation and collaboration the project consortium drafted a Memorandum of Understanding to agree upon post-project actions for the coming years. All these actions and the strong involvement of the partners ensure a strong sustainability of LEXSHA!



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