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## >>The ComNet project

Networking is a key competence for practitioners in education, and networks are considered to have considerable potential for solving structural problems.

**ComNet** is a project financed by the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme and builds on the results of the preceding project, **Euroweaving**, which developed the publication, **The Art of Networking** and other useful resources for actors in European networks.

**ComNet** is aimed at professionals in education – teachers, trainers, programme developers, managers, researchers and evaluators – who are already involved in networks, or may wish to be so in the future.

**ComNet** offers training opportunities for actors and managers of European networks in education.

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## >>ComNet Training Course: The Art of Networking

The **ComNet** project consortium will organise a European training course on effective networking and network management covering the following aspects:

- > Network theory and social networking skills
- > Networks in EU funding programmes
- > Setting-up a network
- > Network management
- > ICT tools for networks
- > Learning in a network
- > Network evaluation
- > Policy & advocacy
- > Making the network sustainable



Date:

**28 September-3 October 2009**

Venue: the historical castle and cultural centre of **Landcommanderij Alden Biesen**, Belgium:

[www.alden-biesen.be](http://www.alden-biesen.be).

Course fee, including accommodation and full board: **750 Euro**.

**Download course brochure here**



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## >>Grundtvig/Comenius Mobility Grant Available

The **ComNet** course **The Art of Networking** is a course officially registered in the European Commission's Comenius/Grundtvig course database:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/llp/istcoursedatabase>

Course number: AT-2009-202-001

Staff of institutions involved in formal and non-formal adult education or school education can apply for a Grundtvig (adult education) or Comenius (school education) mobility grant to cover travel costs and course fee.

Grant application forms: Please go to the website of your National Agency:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/national\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/national_en.html)

Deadlines for Grundtvig/Comenius grant applications:  
**16 January 2009** and **30 April 2009**

Before applying for Grundtvig/Comenius grant please contact the course organisers:

[myriam.swinnen@flanderen.be](mailto:myriam.swinnen@flanderen.be)

Participants will be asked to confirm their participation by 15 July 2009.

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## >>Successful Piloting of Course The Art of Networking

From 24-29 November the training course **The Art of Networking** was successfully piloted at Alden Biesen. 26 participants - coming from adult education centres, universities, teacher education institutions, NGOs and regional authorities in 17 countries had been selected from a large number of applicants.

The response to the course was overwhelmingly positive and gave the organisers valuable feedback how to further optimize the training concept and materials.



**For more photos of the pilot course click here.**

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## >>ComNet project partners



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