The European Semester

A national process in the making

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Danish Teacher Trade Unions

7 teacher trade unions in Denmark representing educators from:
early childhood education (1)
primary and lower secondary (2)
upper secondary (3)
university teachers (1)

Learning and preparing

Autumn 2014

- What is the European Semester? Read, listen, learn, participate
- Identifying European and Danish actors
- Developing background materials notes and policy papers
- Integrating it as a priority in the work of DLi



Learn, prepare, act

2015-2016

- Meetings with the Ministry of Education (on consultation and content)
- Meetings with EC EU/ET2020 officer responsible for Denmark
- Meetings with confederations DK
- Meeting with EC Copenhagen office Semester officer
- Policy papers, background papers
- Political discussions within organisation(s)
- Linking to other policies



Objectives

- DLi response to EC and DK on Country report, National Reform Programme, CSR (and AGS) – influence content and policies
- Involve the political level of the organisations
- Use relevant policy recommendations etc. from the semester-documents to "our advance" (proactive)
- In general to integrate knowledge from semesterproces in our policy actions, development etc.
- Use network



Challenges

- Human and financial resources
- Develop a strategy that works
- Integrate work on the semester in general politics of the organisations
- Knowledge on the semester in all relevant parts of the organisation



What have we learned?

- Important knowledge from the research report to be used in future work!
- Trainings and (the people of) the project in general have been a valuable inspiration
- Unused possibilities in "bilateral" collaboration with ETUCE affiliates
- The objectives, discourses and stakeholders of the semester are relevant at a general level – Work on the semester creates spin off effect to your general work!