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INTRODUCTION

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The increasing number of inquiries from Non-EEC countries' students, technicians and managers on training and further training possibilities in the industrialised countries are especially directed towards postgraduate courses and technical and managerial training programmes. Agriculture, engineering, health, informatics and management courses form the nucleous of the interests expressed.

As experience has shown, cooperation in the human resources development leads to better mutual understanding between countries, by reinforcing social, economic and political links. With this in mind, the EEC/ASEAN meeting of Economic Ministers held in Bangkok in October 1985 accepted the proposal of the EEC (European Economic Community) to create a Data Base on training opportunities in the member states of the EEC, and to publicise the information among the interested parties and individuals throughout the ASEAN region.

Due to the success in Asia and due to the big demand from other regions, the Commission of the European Communities has decided to expand the Data Base to other sectors and distribute it in other parts of the world.

1.2 The procedure

The actual innovation of the project is the publication of comprehensive information on courses being offered in all EEC member states. Following a defined structure, these courses are described uniformly in a Data Base, which facilitates officials from public or private organisations, as well as students, in their search for training possibilities in the European Community.

For this purpose the Commission of the European Communities and German Education and Training GmbH contacted in all twelve EEC Countries (Belgium, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom), national institutions* which have long experience in dealing with the courses being offered. By helping in the collection of data they also guarantee that only quality courses are included in the Data Base and Directory.

* Names and addresses of the institutions involved in the data collection can be found in the list in point 4., below

2. THE DATA BASE AND DIRECTORY

2.1 The Data Base is published in two forms:

- * as a set of floppy disks ready for use with any hard disk microcomputer, fully compatible with IBM standards;
- * as a Directory containing all information accessible without the use of a computer.

Both of these forms contain information on training offers for 1991/92.

The Data Base and Directory are to be distributed to ministries, embassies, public and private organisations and to universities in Asia, Latin America and to many EEC Delegations in other regions of the world. The Data Base and Directory give those responsible for the further training of their organisation's staff the opportunity to inform staff members interested in training in Europe on the programmes existing there. Students will also have the opportunity to use the Directory and the Data Base.

2.2 The contents

To be able to collect the information required, questionnaires were sent to several hundred institutions within the EEC, which organise courses corresponding to the selection criteria established.

As a result of this inquiry, the Data Base numbers a total of 1068 courses offered by more than 300 training institutions. These courses were selected according to the following criteria:

1) According to the expressed demand from students and professionals from various parts of the world, the Data Base concentrates on five sectors. Both in the Data Base and Directory, each sector is designated by a letter:

| * | Agriculture | "A" |
|---|-------------|-----|
| * | Engineering | "E" |
| * | Health | "H" |
| * | Informatics | "I" |
| * | Management | "M" |

Within each sector the list of courses is arranged and numbered in alphabetical order according to the course subject (see subject classification - folder, inside back cover).

- 2) The Data Base includes postgraduate and specialised courses, with a specific professional or academic focus. Therefore, courses which mainly require professional experience are also included in the Data Base.
- 3) The courses included in the Data Base are designed to cater for the needs of individuals from Non-EEC Countries. This was one of the most severe selection criteria.
- 4) The duration of courses to be included in the Data Base could not be shorter than 2 weeks nor longer than 78 weeks.

- 5) The Data Base includes mostly courses in English. Courses in other European languages are also included. Most of them are combined with a crash- or refresher language course. In some cases the possibility of simultaneous translation exists.
- 6) The Data Base does not include information on "courses on demand". Such courses, as well as "group courses" are offered by most of the European training institutions. For further information, please contact them directly.

2.3 Course description (part II)

The part containing the course descriptions, is divided into five sectors: Agriculture, Engineering, Health, Informatics and Management. All five of them have the courses listed in alphabetical order of the subjects.

Each course is described by the same set of 17 items, which are explained in the following:

COURSE NUMBER: Heading each course, the reader will find a letter combined with two times a three digit number, followed by one, two or three capital letters, as for example E.820.001.NL. The letter "E" gives the information that the course belongs to the Engineering sector, the number 820 its subject, "Telecommunications", and the number 001 that it is the first course in this subject and the letters "NL" that it is held in the Netherlands.

a) The letters used to describe the courses are:

| * | Agriculture | "A" |
|---|-------------|-----|
| * | Engineering | "E" |
| * | Health | "H" |
| * | Informatics | "I" |
| * | Management | "M" |

- b) The first and second row of digits describe, respectively, the subject of the course and the course number. (see subject classification folder, inside back cover).
- c) The letters used at the end of the course number were taken from the internationally agreed country codes for automobile plates:

| В | = Belgium | GR | = Greece |
|----|-------------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| D | = Federal Republic of Germany | I | = Italy |
| DK | = Denmark | IRL | = Ireland |
| E | = Spain | L | = Luxembourg |
| F | = France | NL | = the Netherlands |
| GB | = the United Kingdom | P | = Portugal |

1) TITLE OF COURSE is the first information given on each course. It may often occur that together with the course title some other information is given, such as in those cases in which it is stated, that it is a diploma course with the possibility of becoming an M.Sc. course, if the student attends the course for some more months.

- 2/3) The NAME and ADDRESS of the course organiser correspond in most cases with the name and address of the location where the course takes place. Otherwise the address of the course centre will also be given.
- 4) The DURATION of the courses is uniformly given in weeks. Included were only courses between 2 weeks and 18 months (78 weeks).
- 5) The NUMBER of PARTICIPANTS is indicated in absolute figures. It is important to mention that only courses, which are also suitable for individuals from developing countries, were included in the Data Base.
- 6) The DATE, or dates of the next course(s) are stated by giving first the day, then the month and finally the year: 28.11.91.

Independently or additionally to the date(s) given for every course, other information, such as follows, might be given:

- * "to be confirmed", meaning that the date of the next course has to be confirmed;
- * "not yet decided", meaning that the date is not yet fixed.

It is important to mention that the Data Base only includes regular courses, meaning that the courses are held every year, and not courses which are "on demand" or "on request".

- 7) DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE TYPE is a reference to the type of certificate which will be awarded at the end of the course. The list of certificate types ranges from "Certificate of Attendance" to the "Master's Degree".
- 8) COURSE LANGUAGE gives information on the language the course is held in. In most cases the course language is English. However, a considerable number of courses will be held in other European languages.
- 9) The course FEE is stated in ECU (European Currency Unit), followed, in brackets, by the amount in the national currency of the country where the course takes place. For easier comprehension, in the following are the exchange rates (at 12.07.90):

Currency amount for 1 ECU:

| BFR (B) | 42.3584 | HFL (NL) | 2.32076 |
|----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| DKR (DK) | 7.85044 | IR£ (IRL) | 0.76878 |
| DM (D) | 2.06089 | LIR (I) | 1514.45 |
| DRA (GR) | 201.552 | LFR (L) | 42.3584 |
| ESC (P) | 181.246 | PTA (E) | 126.720 |
| FF (F) | 6.92446 | UK£ (GB) | 0.71206 |

For further information: 1 ECU = 1.23626 US \$

* "No tuition fees", means that the course is completely free. However, accommodation, meals, transport and travel expenses have to be paid by the student.

- 10) The SCHOLARSHIP item gives the reader information on whether individuals interested in attending the course have the possibility of applying for scholarships. The sponsoring bodies are given in abbreviations. In case of several sponsoring bodies for the same course, interested individuals are free to apply for more than one scholarship at the same time. (For further information on scholarships, see point 2.5, below).
- 11) EDUCATION LEVEL informs the reader on the necessary requirements to be able to attend the course he is interested in. In general, both degree and professional experience are required, but it also occurs, that only one of these aspects is necessary for an individual to attend the course in question.
- 12) COURSE OBJECTIVES informs the reader on the objectives of the course, such as learn, specialise, familiarise, train and so forth.
- 13) COURSE CONTENTS gives the reader short information on the subjects to be lectured or practiced during the course.
- 14) The SPECIAL SERVICES item informs on the services provided by the organising institution, be it accommodation, meals, transport, insurance/medical assistance, assistance with obtaining visa, residence permit, and cultural programme. Only those services included or partly included in the course fee will be mentioned.
- 15) LANGUAGE COURSES are in many cases available for people who do not have good proficiency in the language the course is held in. Again, information is given on the duration and fees of these crash- or refresher courses.
- 16) APPLICATION TO ... item informs the reader to whom and where he has to send his application to or who will provide him with further information.
- 17) APPLICATION DEADLINE gives information on the deadline for application. As in the item of date of next course, this information is given with day.month.year.

NOTE:

In case the reader does not find in one of the courses description on one or two items, it is because the organising institution did not provide the necessary information.

2.4 Terms used in the Directory

- 1) For officials from developing countries:
- the course is designed to cater for the needs of officials from public organisations in developing countries.
- 2) Not yet decided:

means that the date of the next course has not yet been fixed.

3) To be confirmed:

informs that the date still has to be confirmed.

4) No tuition fees:

gives the information that the course is free.

means that the duration or start

5) Included in course fee:

means that the fees include, for example, accommodation, meals, etc.

Partly included in course fee:

informs that, for example, only lunch or similar services are included in the fees.

6) Not given:

means that there was no information on the subject.

7) Depending on knowledge:

means that the course duration or costs depend on previous knowledge the student has of the language.

8) Included in scholarship:

means that the costs concerning the item in question (e.g., language course) is paid by the scholarship.

9) Including field trips:

informs that the course fee contains the price of field trips to be made during the course.

10) Per week:

informs that the price of the item is given per week, depending on the knowledge.

11) Group fee:

gives the fees for a whole group.

12) On request:

means that language courses are available if required by the students.

13) First course: French; second course: English:

informs that the first date mentioned relates to the course in the French language and the second date to the English language.

14) For dates of modules 2/3/4 contact institution:

means that there are different modules which begin in different dates.

15) Maximum duration: shorter courses are available:

informs that the duration given is the longest and that courses with shorter duration are possible, depending on the knowledge.

16) Per day, per week, per module and per year:

means that the prices mentioned are for each day, week, module or year.

17) Each module can be followed separately:

informs that the course consists of various modules and that these modules can be taken separately, independently from each other.

18) Plus thesis:

means that the duration does not include thesis, which can be done in home country.

19) Varies:

means that the duration or the price vary depending on the knowledge.

20) 2 wks certificate, 48 wks diploma, 76 wks master:

means that for a duration of 2, 48 and 78 weeks, students receive a certificate, diploma or a master respectively.

21) 20 x 1 hour per week:

informs that a language course is given once a week.

22) Under consideration:

means that the possibility of providing scholarship is being considered.

2.5 Scholarships

Many participants from Non-EEC Countries attending advanced European training courses, finance their training through home sources: be it by their national government, by their employer or by their family. Only for those individuals who, for one reason or another, fail to obtain funding from the mentioned sources, a limited number of scholarships from international or European agencies are available.

Some aspects are to be considered, before scholarship procedures are explained:

- 1. Not every interested individual is entitled to receive a scholarship. The decision is taken by the organisation offering the scholarship.
- 2. EEC-Scholarships are generally connected with a project. The Commission of the European Communities does not finance individual scholarships to attend courses included in the Data Base.
- 3. The number of scholarships available is limited.

2.5.1. List of Abbreviations and Scholarship Donors

The following list gives information on the institutions which might provide scholarships for each specific course.

If under item 10 of the course description, the reader only finds "available" or "not available" this is due to the fact that no further information was provided by the training institute. The reader will mostly find abbreviations on the institutions offering scholarships, which are as follows:

ACTIM

Agence pour la Coopération Technique et Industrielle

Commonwealth Foundation ... (Biflish Councilization sequential to each country

66 Rue Pierre Charron 8 ème

Paris France

ADB

Asian Development Bank 2330 Roxas Boulevard

P.O. Box 789 Metro Manila Philippines AGCD

Administration Générale de la Coopération au Développement

"A.G." Building

Place du Champs de Mars 5, Bte. 57

1050 Brussels Belgium

BID

Banco Interamericano de Desarollo

Banco Interamericano de Desarollo (Inter-American Development Bank - IDB)

1300 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20577 United States of America

(Not applicable for Asian and African Candidates)

BRITISH COUNCIL

10, Spring Gardens London SW1A 2BN United Kingdom

(British Council representative in each country)

CIES

Centre International des Etudiants et Stagiaires

Boite Postale 73-10 75462 Paris Cedex 10

France

Commonwealth Foundation

(British Council representative in each country)

DAAD

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst

Kennedy-Allee 50 5300 Bonn 2

Federal Republic of Germany

DANIDA

Danish International Development Agency

2. Asiatisk Plads 1448 Copenhagen

Denmark

Department of Education and Science (UK)

(British Council representative in each country)

DSE

Deutsche Stiftung für Internationale Entwicklung

Geschäftsführung und Zentralverwaltung

Rauchstraße 25 1000 Berlin 30

Federal Republic of Germany

EEC

European Economic Communities

200, rue de la Loi 1049 Brussels Belgium

EDF

European Development Fund

Directorate-General for Development

200, rue de la Loi

1049 Brussels (1000) ab abuiltani Belgium

(Only applicable for candidates from countries under the Lomé convention)

FAO

Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN

Via delle Terme di Caracalla

00100 Rome

Italy

Ford Foundation

Plaza Washington 125, 3 piso

Apartado 6025

Lima Peru

(For Nationals from Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Peru)

Fullbright Foundation

(Not applicable for Asian and African Candidates)

GTZ

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit

Dag-Hammarskjöld-Weg 1

Postfach 5180 6236 Eschborn 1

Federal Republic of Germany

IAPH

International Association of Ports & Harbours

Kotohira - Kaikan Building 2 - 8 Toronamon 1 - chome

Minato - Ku Tokyo 105 JAPAN

IBI

Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics

P.O. Box 10253

Viale Civilta del Lavoro 23

Rome Italy

(For candidates from IBI member states)

ICAO

International Civil Aviation Organisation

1000 Sherbrooke Street West

Suite 400 Montreal Quebec

Canada H3A 2R2

ICI

Instituto de Cooperación Iberoamericana

Avda. de los Reyes Católicos, 4

28040 Madrid

Spain

IHA

International Hotel Association

80, rue de la Roquette

75011 Paris France

ILO

International Labour Organisation

4, route des Morillons 1211 Geneva 22 Switzerland

ITU

International Telecommunications Union

1211 Geneva 20 Switzerland

Ministry of Education (France)

110, rue Grenelle

Paris France

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Italy)

Via Contarini 25 00194 Roma

Italy

NFP

Netherlands Fellowships Programme

Section for Training in the Netherlands of the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

P.O. Box 20061 2500 EB The Hague

Netherlands

OAS Organisation of American States

Washington, DC 20006 United States of America

(Only applicable for OAS candidates)

ODA Overseas Development Administration (UK)

Eland House Stag Place

London SW1 5DH

United Kingdom

OECD Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

(Not applicable)

UN United Nations

Secretariat

1, United Nations Plaza New York 10017

United States of America

UNCHS United Nations Centre for Human Settlements

(HABITAT) P.O. Box 30030

Nairobi Kenya

UNCTAD United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Palais des Nations 1211 Geneva 10 Switzerland

UNDP United Nations Development Programme

1, United Nations Plaza New York 10017

United States of America

UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisations

7, Place de Fontenoy

75700 Paris France

UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund

866 United Nations Plaza

New York 10017

United States of America