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The EDEN Annual Conference in 2005 will focus on open, distance and e-learning from the perspective of lifelong learning, with the approach of collaboration and knowledge transfer from all educational sectors, including adult and vocational education.

Lifelong learning is high on the agenda in Europe. Bringing e-learning closer to lifelong learning is very relevant today. Lifelong learning obviously implies intensive interaction between the world of work and the different educational sectors. Adult and lifelong learning represent a more and more essential part of the portfolio of traditional educational institutions. Higher education is specially positioned for producing, and disseminating knowledge, but also acting as an important negotiating partner in raising awareness, and promoting the culture of learning.

Improving e-learning services and products permit institutions to elaborate and implement well-founded strategies and new partnerships with the corporate sector. Academic knowledge and professional experience accumulated in the field of open, distance and e-learning should be highlighted with all its complexity and achievement in this important period.

In this challenging context and in co-operation with the DG Education and Culture, **eduXchange** will make a presentation on, on June 21th between 11:30 and 13:00 in the parallel session A2 “Work-Based Learning, ICTs and Professional Development”:

“Increasing the Openness of Universities in Lifelong Learning: Academic Training Needs in European SMEs”

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