The Swedish models for dissemination and transfer of e-learning development

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Areas of Responsibility

- Widening participation
- Educational development
- IT-supported distance education/ The Swedish Net University
The Net University – Sweden's “5th largest university”
A cooperation between all major Universities in Sweden

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Budget

- 2002-2005  3.5 million euro/year
- 2006-2007  6 million euro/year
- 2008       4 million
- 2009       Termination?

- Extra subsidies to higher education institutions

- 2002-2004  50 million euro
Quality in higher education
A holistic and systematic approach

Following up students and alumni
Support for continued studies career planning
Assessment of student learning
Implementation The learning experience
Induction
Admissions Validation
Planning Recruitment
Our Working Methods

- **Networks/Projects**

- **Services**

- **International co-operation – EuNeOn, EADTU, EFQUEL**

- **Meetings**

- **Reports and other publications**
Network/project models

1. Selected committees
2. Reference group (2 rep. from each Uni.)
3. Project networks (>2 Uni.) – 26 ongoing
4. Open virtual networks – 6
5. ICT-infrastructure projects
6. Joint programs – 6
7. Bologna networks – 33
8. Expert networks;
   a) SIG - 2
   b) Transfer networks - 2

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Services (1)

Flexible study Guidance counseling
- Web based national service 5-9 pm
- Network of counselors on all levels of education

Librarian on Duty
- Web based service
- Makes connection between academic and community libraries
Services (2)

The Legal Handbook
• A web based guide to legal issues in e-learning

Interactive Quality support
• for Learning outcomes, examination, teacher activities
The future

- Dissemination nationally?
- International co-operation?
- Funding strategies for educational development?
- National Services - A national referatory/repository?
Take home message

Neutral platform
Broker/hub

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