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New Erasmus+ funded project on health and sustainable development:

'European healthy pupils and skilled educators via integrated school food systems'

We are delighted to announce that we have successfully received funding from Erasmus+ as part of a partnership of organisations and schools in the UK, Denmark and the Czech Republic.

'European healthy pupils and skilled educators via integrated school food systems' (EPESS) is a collaborative project taking place over 26 months and involving 10 partners. The project aims to strengthen cooperation between organisations working towards a common goal: **to promote health, learning and sustainable development through integrated school food systems**. The project will facilitate the sharing of knowledge, skills and innovative ways of supporting and training school communities.

Led by project manager Food for Life, Soil Association (UK) EPESS will strengthen international relationships and maximise the work that all of the partner organisations involved are delivering to improve attitudes towards health and food within schools. The project includes school staff exchange programmes, training webinars and sharing of best practice.

In Denmark the partner schools are Nymarkskolen and Ørkildskolen I Svendborg Municipality and this will be a good opportunity for these LOMA schools to share their achievements with an international audience. Additionally, University College Lillebaelt, Odense is partner in the project, representing an integrated approach to learning, health and sustainable development. This approach includes a special focus on 21st Century Skills, the application of digital tools in food education and the UN development goals for sustainable development. Teacher students will participate in training and dissemination activities.

Health Promotion at Steno Diabetes Center, Copenhagen, is key partner in implementation and dissemination for a wider audience. Furthermore, dissemination will be conducted in collaboration with The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, SHE-Network Centre UCSyd, CFU E-Twinning and other institutions having interest in the topic.

If you have any questions about the EPESS partnership in Denmark, then please get in touch with Dorte Ruge, doru@ucl.dk University College Lillebaelt, Centre for applied research in school and education.

See more about project partners on the next page.

Project Partners:

- <u>Food for Life</u>: UK based charity working with schools, early years, hospitals and care homes to ensure everyone has the skills and motivation to cook, grow food, and engage in good food culture.
- <u>University of the West of England</u>: 'UK University Alliance' University with a common mission to make a difference to our cities and regions. UWE will lead the evaluation of EPESS in collaboration with UCL.
- <u>Washingborough Academy</u>: Primary school (275 pupils) situated just outside Lincoln, FFL ambassador school with a Gold FFL Award.
- <u>Newland St John's CE Academy</u>: Primary school (253 pupils) part of Sentamu Academy Learning Trust based in Hull, holding a Silver FFL Award.

- <u>University College Lillebaelt (UCL)</u>: Danish University College for teacher education and applied research in school an education. The UCL, CFU will contribute with knowledge on LOMA development project and digital learning methods.
- <u>Nymarkskolen:</u> Secondary school (732 pupils) ranging from ages 13-16 situated in the town of Svendborg, Fünen.
- <u>Ørkildskolen</u>: Primary school (700) pupils aged between 6-12 years, situated in the town of Svendborg, Fünen.

- <u>Skutecne Zdrava Skola</u>: NGO in the Czech Republic which manages an educational and information programme for schools, to raise awareness of the healthy food culture, local food and the relationship between consumed food and the state of the environment.

- <u>ZS a MS ANGEL v Praze 12</u>: Elementary school and kindergarten in Prague (961) students in the elementary school and 112 in the kindergarten.
- <u>Materinka Brno</u>: NGO and children's group supports the return of parents to work from maternity leave and extended preschool education.