**Background**

The first network was established in 2006 when the EU project MentorMigration started as a Socrates Comenius project. The network originally included seven countries: Sweden, Norway, Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Switzerland, and Spain.

**The need for a new network**

When the EU-project completes at the end of 2009 it was essential to continue the network. It was also important to provide new opportunities for the Nightingale projects which have operated outside the EU-project but still in cooperation with Näktergalen at Malmö University. The network should also be open to those who wanted to establish new Nightingale projects.

**Benefits** The new network will provide several benefits to the members; above all it will constitute a favorable forum for deeper pedagogical discussions and research. The network provides all participants an excellent opportunity to exchange experience within the area of mentoring and its unique philosophical and pedagogical content. Being a member will give benefits regarding implementations for the participating University and school(s) Furthermore it will give enhanced opportunities when applying for funding etc. Universities who are interested in using the concept and starting up a new Näktergalen project, membership in the new network will be a requirement.

**The aims of Näktergalen Mentoring Network, Malmö University:**

* To establish a European forum to facilitate cooperation between the participants and the work with mentoring.
* To exchange experience.
* To improve the general quality of mentoring.
* To provide a context which will elucidate the cooperation between universities and local schools throughout Europe.
* To offer the members a consistent set of quality standards by certification. \*
* To create a collection of relevant data for future research.
* To ensure a quality insured concept.

**What do you get by joining the network?**

* A certificate which includes the intellectual property, the logo, and an approval.
* An invitation to an international conference once a year.
* The possibilities to participate on the board initiated by Malmö University. The board will provide regular updates to members.
* Access to a network website with news and newsletters, mailing lists, relevant links, publications, and research about mentoring.
* Updated international working material.
* Support; web, e-mail, and telephone.
* The possibility to extend the reach of your own material, research, publications, and other related documents.

**What does a membership oblige?**  A short annual report in a format provided by Malmö University, which consists of quantitative and qualitative figures and facts. This will guarantee that all partners perform their project work to a consistent, high-quality standard. The report will be required for continued membership.

**What does the certification imply?** The concept of Näktergalen is intellectual property which is legally binding and Näktergalen is a registered trademark*.* All existing materials are protected by copyright. No change or spreading of the concept and/or the logo is allowed. Each new University, which intends to start a new Naktergalen project, is obliged to get a certificate and logo by attending a course in Malmö (3-4 days).

Certification: this will be granted to the Universities responsible for the projects in the different countries within the network. This document signifies that Näktergalen at Malmö University guarantees that the participating University is working with the concept according to the established standards. To be successful, the level of competence must be held to a high standard. The participating Näktergalen will be examined, and certificates will be renewed every year.

**The member ship fee**

 **200 € per university and year**

**How to join To join the network please send an e-mail with the attached form filled out.**

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