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The Role of Mobile Learning in European Education

ECLO is delighted to announce that it has been accepted as a core partner in the above project, partially funded under the Socrates-Minerva programme.

Mobile learning is the provision of education and training on PDAs (Personal Digital Assistants), smartphones and mobile phones.

In July 2005 Ericsson announced that the number of mobile devices in the world reached 2 billion for the first time. They forecast that there would be 3 billion as early as 2010. This is for a world population of just over 6 billion. The

British Broadcasting Corporation on 1 December 2004 announced that in its research of audience characteristics that the 16-24 age group 'regarded a mobile phone as a necessity not a luxury'. This is precisely the age grouping of the higher and further education market.

The objective of this project is to bring this unprecedented ownership of mobile devices into European education and training. For this reason the first target group is Commission decision makers and decision makers in the 25 EU states to whom the products of the project will be personally sent. Further target groups are the students and institutions in the partner countries, and eventually in the whole 25 countries. The problem is that students use their mobile phones constantly but not yet in their education.

The main activities, which will result in the products of the project, are: development of a policy document on the role of mobile learning, an overview of the role of mobile learning in the 25 states today, listing of achievements of mobile learning, pedagogical aspects of mobile learning, adapting ILT and e-learning materials to mobile learning, the development, adaptation, teaching and evaluation of mobile learning courseware for real students.

Contact [Jim Jack](#) for further details about the benefits of ECLO membership and this project.

The project website can be found at http://www.ericsson.com/ericsson/corpinfo/programs/the_role_of_mobile_learning_in_european_education/index.shtml

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