

Nele Mestdagh



Mrs. Nele Mestdagh joined the VIVES team in 1995 and is currently Program Manager of Early Childhood Education at Teacher Training of VIVES University College campus Tielt and campus Kortrijk.

Before she worked as a Senior Lecturer in Early Years Education at VIVES campus Tielt and was also co operator of the In-service training within the Centre for Permanent Education (CPE). Her main topics are Mathematical Initiation, Environmental Education and Scientific Thinking, connected to early childhood education.

Nele Mestdagh graduated as a Master in Science (Chemical Engineering) at the University of Ghent.

Between 2007-2014 she was the coordinator of research and community service projects related to the area of education within VIVES (at that time/formerly called KATHO).

As a researcher Nele Mestdagh coordinated the Comenius 2.1 project (226373-CP-1-2005-1-BE-COMENIUS-C21) STIPPS "The implementation of Scientific Thinking in Pre-primary and Primary School settings" between 2005-2008.

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From 2011 till 2014 she was partner in an EU funded FP7 Supporting and coordinating action (Call SiS-2010-2.2.1.1) on innovative methods in science education, called PRI-SCI-NET "Networking Primary Science Education", coordinated by the Malta Council for Science and Technology (MCST) and has 17 partners from 14 countries.

As Program Manager of Teacher Training she wants to stay involved in international projects (such as Intensive Study Programs) for students to get higher education more internationalized and students more prepared to successfully function in a globalized society.