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Professor Sam Allwinkle is the Director of Lifelong Learning at Napier University, which is one of the leading institutions in Europe developing the concept of Lifelong Learning through Knowledge Transfer and Capacity Building, Widening Access, flexibility and credit accumulation to transform communities, businesses and citizens. He is currently Chair of Scottish South East Forum for Widening Access. In addition, he is also a project evaluator for Scottish Government European Structural Funds for Lifelong Learning, Member of the Scottish Accreditation and Credit Accumulation Committee

He is also the Director of the Edinburgh Lifelong Learning Partnership which is an organisation that represents Edinburgh City and includes Chamber of Commerce, City Council, Employment agencies, Universities and Colleges. He is a visiting Professor at Nottingham Trent University, UK.

Professor Sam Allwinkle also has a background in professional practice in Architecture and Surveying as partner and company director. During his career in academic life, he has been Professor and Director of Research in Built Environment, Chair of the Research Committee for the Council of Professors of Building Engineering Management, Member of the Scottish Building Regulations Advisory Committee, SHEFC TQA Assessor (Built Environment) Chair and member of QAA Benchmarking Panel for Architectural Technology, External Examiner for Universities undergraduate, postgraduate and Doctorates. He is the External Examiner and Accreditation Assessor for professional bodies such as RICS, CIOB and BIAT. He is also an external assessor for UK research bodies and also the Italian Government for the assessment of Research projects in Architectural Technology and Sustainability.

During the last ten years, he has led over 20 major externally funded projects with a value in excess of 30 million Euros from both public and private sector and includes UK Know How Fund, DOE, Scottish Executive, SHEFC, LINK CMR, EPSRC, ESRC EC ESF ADAPT and ERDF, EC Tempus, EC COMETT, PHARE, EC, IST Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Framework, R3L, Gruntvig and Socrates. He was the Project Director for the 10 million Euro Project funded by ESF/ADAPT, which made a major contribution to the development of the UK University for Industry (Learn Direct). The EC funded project TELS (Towards a European Learning Society) was used to formulate EC policy on Learning Cities and Regions. He is currently involved with a number of EC funded projects e.g. INTEL CITIES, LUDA, LILLIPUT, PALLACE,

NEWTELS, R3L PROMOTER and E-business projects to develop Learning cities and capacity building of SMEs. His current projects and focus is on Learning Cities and Communities, European Lifelong Learning Indicators (LILLIPUT, PALLACE, LUDA and INTELCITIES) funded by EC FP5 and FP6. His main areas of research expertise are in urban sustainability and knowledge based communities.