

EU CO-OPERATION EXPLORED - NAVIGATING THE MAZE

Date: 17th February 2009

Location: Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

AGENDA

9.30 REGISTRATION

10.00 OPENING REMARKS

INDICATIVE TIME	10 minutes
FACILITATOR/ SPEAKER	Chair - Cllr Brian Millard, Stockport MBC
PURPOSE	Welcome and introductions

10.10 NORTH WEST THEMES FOR EUROPEAN COOPERATION

INDICATIVE TIME	20 minutes
FACILITATOR/ SPEAKER	Speaker – Pernille Kousgaard, NWDA
PURPOSE	To provide a brief overview NWREP Priorities for 2009-13, links into wider EU agendas and opportunities presented by EU Cooperation Programmes.
OUTCOME	Delegates will have a better understanding on how EU cooperation programmes can help to address the North West drivers. Brief information on each Programme (objectives, deadlines, main UK contact) will also be available to delegates.

10.30 THEMATIC WORKSHOPS - ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL

11.30 COFFEE BREAK

11.45 THEMATIC WORKSHOPS - REPEATED

INDICATIVE TIME	1 Hour each session (with 15 minutes break)
FORMAT	There will be three workshops throughout the morning. Workshops will be repeated twice, and everyone will have the chance to attend 2 sessions. The Themes are based on the European Framework Key Policy Priorities. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic: Enterprise and SMEs, Research and Development, Innovation and Internationalisation.• Social: Skills, Social Inclusion, Demographic Change, Health.• Environment: Energy, Climate Change, Resource Efficiency, Eco Innovation
FACILITATOR/ SPEAKER	Economic – Louise Fisher, Enterprise Europe Network and Ritchie Head, FrameworksNW. Social – Viv Gee, NWDA, Chris White, NW Health Brussels Office and Kathryn Griffiths North West Brussels Office. Environment – Dan Griffiths, NWDA and Paul Roots, Environment Agency
PURPOSE	To explore how European cooperation can help participants deliver their own objectives and offer in relation to the three themes. Workshop will illustrate relevant EU priorities, best practice, networks and case studies and provide an opportunity to share and develop ideas
OUTCOME	Delegates will understand how European cooperation can help deliver their objectives and be able to identify relevant EU cooperation programmes.

12.45 LUNCH

13.45 THEMATIC WORKSHOP FEEDBACK SESSION

INDICATIVE TIME	Final Thoughts from the facilitators (5mins each)
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14.00 SETTING UP AND MANAGING TRANSNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

INDICATIVE TIME	30 mins
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FORMAT AND FACILITATORS	Ian Hill, NWE Europe
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PURPOSE	To provide a brief overview of the key aspects involved in the development, management and maintenance of transnational partnerships.
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OUTCOME	Delegates will be better informed on how to find the right partners, get local political support, get organised and implement transnational projects.
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14.30 COOPERATING AND COMMUNICATING WITH EUROPEAN PARTNERS

INDICATIVE TIME	15 mins
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FORMAT AND FACILITATORS	Liz Littler, Yorkshire and Humberside Language Network
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PURPOSE	To provide a brief overview of the key language and cultural aspects of working with transnational partners.
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OUTCOME	Delegates will be better able to cooperate and communicate with transnational partners (and be aware of the pitfalls!)
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14.45 FUNDING PROGRAMMES ROUND TABLES (FIRST SESSION)

INDICATIVE TIME	45 mins each session (with 15 mins coffee break)
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FORMAT AND FACILITATORS	<p>Delegates will be invited to join round table discussions. Each Table will be focused on one particular Funding Programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interreg Ian Hill, NW Europe• FP7 / CIP Ritchie Head, FrameworksNW and Louise Fisher, EEN• Lifelong Learning Kevin Robinson, Ecotec• EU Health Chris White, NWHBO• Life + Tom Hudson, Beta Technologies• Culture 2007 Geoffrey Brown, Euclid• Regional Language Network - Liz Littler• Working with other EU regions – Suzy Sumner and Kathryn Griffiths (NWBO) <p>During the lunch break, delegates will be asked to indicate which round tables they wish to join.</p>
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PURPOSE	To provide partners with information on the EU programmes that are most relevant to the North West
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OUTCOME	Delegates will be given concise information on the different programmes, their objectives and structure. The round tables would also present opportunities for project surgeries.
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15:30 COFFEE BREAK

15.45 FUNDING PROGRAMMES ROUND TABLES (SECOND SESSION)

16.30 CLOSING SESSION

INDICATIVE TIME	5 mins
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CONTENT	Next steps.
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FACILITATOR	Chair - Cllr Brian Millard, Stockport MBC
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Slides from the day available on <http://www.4nw.org.uk/what-we-think/europe/blog-list/>