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EURO QUALITY BENCHMARKING SEMINAR



From 17th to 19th June people from Trollhättan municipality, Scandiano municipality, Terre Verdiane Union and from the Spanish municipalities of Almansa and Villarrobledo met in Scandiano for the first event of the project dedicated to the analysis of quality in public services at local level.

During those days, the participants compared their experiences both during plenary sessions, in which they introduced their different tools and actions related on the main theme,

and thanks to working group activities.

Four working groups have been created: two dedicated to pre-school services and two related to elderly care services. These group analysed two different perspectives of the quality concept: the customers orientation tools and the measurement tools for services.

The participants agreed on a work schedule that will help to prepare the second event, which will be held in Almansa (Spain) in February 2009.



More information on the project and its implementation at : www.qualitynetworkpa.eu

PROJECT ON SUPPORT TO PARENTHOOD



The municipality of Vänersborg, as leading partner of the project, hosted the first event of a project dedicated to the support to parenthood services and approaches from 11th to 14th June.

The participants in the project from the Italian municipalities of Imola, Ravenna and Scandiano and from the municipality of Holmstrand met in order to discuss the basic elements of the issue. In particular, the speakers focused their attention on a comparison of the national and regional legislation in the field of support of parenthood in the three involved countries and on the organisation and joint actions offered on the different areas.

A study visit in an non institutional care centre has been an important element to understand the real situation of the activities. Particular attention was given to the analysis of the offered services, that is to say, counselling for parents, work in network team and social field workers. The last day was dedicated to the preparation of the second event in March 2009 that will be held in Ravenna.

The municipalities involved in the project received a grant in the context of the Grundtvig programme for activities concerning the training of staff involved in support to parenthood activities. The project will run between September 2008 and July 2010 and it will have its first planning meeting in Imola on October 2nd and 3rd.

More detailed information about the project available at: www.parnet.eu

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM PROJECT

The well-established partnership between some municipalities of the Val d'Enza area and the municipality of Jokkmokk and the Norra Bohuslan municipalities association implemented a new project in the field of tourism sustainability and the territory promotion. A new partner participated in the activities: the Traversetolo twinned town of Oraison (France).

The main subject has been tackled, first of all, from a EU perspective in order to understand the activities of the EU working group on sustainable tourism; then the basic concept has been introduced from the different points of views of the participating area. In particular: the projects of the region Emilia-Romagna, the Laponia project in the Jokkmokk area, the Kosterhavet National park in Norra Bohuslan area and the approach in the Alpes Haute Provence area.

The participants gathered up their ideas in three working groups that analysed three main relations present in the sustainable tourism concept: the relation between tourists and hosting communities, the relation between tourism and economic development and the relation between tourism and cultural and nature heritage. The conclusions of these three groups will be the basis of the activities of the second event scheduled in March in Norra Bohuslan.

PROJECT ON POLICIES TOWARDS DISABLED



The project consisted in the development of network of cooperation through an EU financed conference led by the Norrbotten county council and involving Parma Province as well as the county of Cluj (R) and the County of Troms (N). The conference saw the participation of 65 representatives from the four areas involved and it generated a lively and interesting discussion.

The work of the three days has focused on the legislation, the services and the approaches to support disabled

citizens.

The three focus groups on :

- Assistance to families with disabled members
- Attitude change towards disability among citizens and institutions
- ICT solutions for disabled

The conference have offered an opportunity for substantial discussion about best practices in the participating countries. Each group has produced a work plan and sub-projects to be developed and implemented in the coming months.

More information and details (including presentations) are available at <http://disability.sern.eu>

Projects and meetings scheduled in October and November

STUDY AND PLANNING VISIT OF SCHOOL MANAGERS FROM MÖLNDAL CITY

A group of 6 school leaders has carried out a study and contact-making visit in Reggio Emilia and Imola. The group has received a grant from Swedish national agency (www.programkontoret.se) managing the Life-long Learning Programme as well as other measures in the field of education. The six headmasters, responsible for 10 pre-primary schools, four nine-year compulsory schools and several day-care centres, have met colleagues from the towns involved and had the possibility to discuss issues related school development, pedagogical approaches as well as staff motivation and development.

HOTEL AND RESTAURANT SCHOOLS EXCHANGE



The municipality of Brisighella applied and obtained a grant from the European Commission in order to implement the second exchange project for hotel and restaurant schools students.

After the event held in Kalix and Arvidsjaur in October 2007, Swedish students and entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to meet their Italian colleagues of the Rimini, Salsomaggiore and Brisighella area.

The exchange will take place from 8th to 16th November in Brisighella as well as the Italian municipalities involved in the project.

QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE 60+ CITIZENS



The members of the working group on innovation for the improvement of the quality of life of the active seniors will meet in Parma from 11th to 14th thanks to a EU grant obtained by the Parma municipality.

The main objective that the partners (APIndustria Parma, Parma municipality, Traversetolo municipality, Pedemontana Association for social services, University of Parma and the municipality of Norrkoping, the municipality of Skovde, the municipality of Trollhättan and the Linkoping University) agreed on is to compare their points of view in order to create a multilateral partnership in order to develop through one or several project in the INTERREG Programme.

PRE-SCHOOL EVALUATION/DISSEMINATION SEMINAR

On November 28-29 the Italian members of the network participating in the pre-school staff exchange programme will be arranging the first evaluation and dissemination seminar of the project.

The seminar will be aimed at evaluating the exchanges that took place in the 2008 Spring and Autumn sessions in Italy and Sweden. The seminar will also be an occasion to learn more about the best practices in the participating municipalities and the development of new ideas for future projects.

Programme and registration (limited places) available at <http://pre-schools.sern.eu>

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IN TRAVERSETOLO



On 22nd November, the Italian and Swedish members of the executive board will meet in Traversetolo (Parma Province) for their third meeting in 2008. The agenda of the meeting is available on the SERN platform in the Board documents section.