



SERN Newsletter



VI SERN GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN PITEÅ

The 2010 General Assembly will be held in Piteå hosted by the County of Norrbotten from Thursday 6th to Saturday 8th May.

The programme (see below the draft) will be composed of various activities such as seminars, new project groups meeting, study visits and workshops. Particular attention will be paid to two themes, **creative industries** and **e-health**, with two dedicated seminars with presentations of Swedish best practices and some Italian experiences as well.

For the **new SERN project groups**, proposals from the members have to be sent to the Secretariat not later than **April 2nd**. Once the proposals have been collected, they will be published and circulated until April 26th. This is the last day for expressing interest in participating in the proposed groups. In the project proposals, particular attention has to be paid to the two SERN priorities: sustainable local/regional development and competitiveness and social inclusion. The SERN General Assembly will be held on Saturday 8th May in the Piteå City Hall from 8.30 to 12.00.

The deadline for registration is set for 16th April 2010. By this date, representatives of the members who would like to participate in the General Assembly have to register on-line on the SERN platform (go to Network-General Assembly 2010-Registration form Assembly 2010). For the accommodation in Piteå, participants will be hosted at the Hotel Furunäset (see on the SERN platform

further information).
DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday 6th May 2010

08.30 Registration
09.30-12.30 Seminar on creative industries
12.30-14.00 Lunch
14.00-18.00 Project groups
14.00-18.00 SERN Executive Board
20.00 Welcome Dinner - Municipality of Piteå

Friday 7th May 2010

09.00-12.00 Seminar on e-health/
seminar on renewable energy
09.00-12.00 SERN Project Group meetings
12.00-13.15 Lunch
13.15-16.30 Study Visits on the themes of the seminar
16.30-18.00 Free city sightseeing
14.00-18.00 SERN Project Groups meetings
20.30 Official Dinner hosted by the Norrbotten County Council, Region Västra Götaland, Östsam.

Saturday 8th May 2010

8.30 – 12.00 SERN General Assembly 2010 in the City Hall of Piteå municipality
12.00-12.45 Lunch
13.00 Shuttle bus to the airport for those leaving at 14.20

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The SERN General Assembly 2010 will be held in Piteå in the county of Norrbotten

**Project applications submitted in
January-February 2010 within the SERN
network**

PROGRAMME "EUROPE FOR CITIZENS"

**-Network for current and future skills in the
health and welfare sectors**

Leading applicant: Norrköping Municipality

**-Network for EU/international relations
management at local level**

Leading applicant: Scandiano Municipality

COMENIUS SUBPROGRAMME

Comenius Network – CREANET

Leading applicant: Scandiano Municipality

Partners: Norrköping Municipality, SERN

Associated partners: Forlì municipality

Main theme: Creativity in pre-school
education

Comenius Regio

Lead Applicants: Östsm, Region

Emilia-Romagna

Partners: SERN,

Municipality of Bologna, Cervia Municipality

Forlì Municipality, Modena Municipality,

Reggio Emilia Municipality,

Regional School Office

Main Theme: Integration and inclusion of
immigrant children in the European school
system

LEONARDO SUBPROGRAMME

Transfer of innovation

-Main theme: Transfer of skills and
competences for immigrants and refugees

Leading applicant: Province of Parma

-Main theme: Update in the training of
welfare personnel and operators

Leading applicant: Linköping Municipality;

Partner: Province of Parma

GRUNDTVIG PROGRAMME

Main Theme: Epic poetry and amor cortese

Leading applicant: University "Tempo libero
Scandiano;

Partners: La Coruña (Spain), Gand (Belgium),
Overtornea (Sweden), Hannover (Germany)



NTT+ PROJECT

The first two national meetings of the NTT+ project took place in Bologna and in Luleå during March.

In the Bologna meeting eleven people participated representing six Italian and in Luleå thirteen people participated representing eleven Swedish organisations. Both the national meetings produced various project proposals in the five theme areas pointed out by the coordination group of the project:

1. **Young people and development** – two project proposals
2. **Integration and immigration in an employment perspective** – two project proposals
3. **Renewable energy sources and mobility** – one project proposal
4. **Family support in a gender equality perspective** – one project proposal
5. **Social sector business**

The other project partners in Spain and Finland will hold the national training in April. After collecting all the project proposals, they will be published and discussed by the participants during the transnational meeting which will take place in **Rimini from 13th to 16th June 2010**.

The MO.QU.E.T team (Monitoring, Quality, Evaluation Tools) met in February in Bologna in order to discuss a methodology and strategy plan to apply in the NTT+ projects and in other SERN projects under developing. Particular attention has been put to the definition of quality and evaluation indicators.

For more information on the NTT+ project, visit the dedicated website: www.nttplus.eu.





Pre-school staff exchange project

In 2010, the spring session of the exchange will take place in May according to this schedule:

May 2nd – May 15th Swedes to Italy

May 30th – June 12th Italians to Sweden.

In this exchange round there will be 7 participants from Italian municipalities (Meldola, Cervia, Parma, Scandiano and Russi) and 7 participants from Sweden (Molndal, Motala, Ale, Norrköping).

The focus areas which will be discussed during the job shadowing activities have been fixed by the coordination group and they are:

- Creativity and Innovation
- Documentation and reflection
- Relation with family
- Outdoor education
- Social inclusion – a school for all.

The national agency in Italy has chosen the project preschool staff exchange as example of good practices for 2009 in the job shadowing experience to put it a publication concerning the project experience implemented with the support of LLP agency.

The selected best practices is the exchange performed by Letizia Acquino, who was in job shadowing at the Strommen pre-school in Motala.

NETWORK FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY and TERRITORIAL PLANNING

The second conference of the project took place in Boden (Norrbotten area) from 8th to 12th March with the participation of three Italian municipalities (Forlì, Russi and Traversetolo) and 4 Swedish municipalities (Trollhättan, Norrköping, Vänersborg and Boden) for a total of 30 participants.

The meeting had the prime objective to continue the discussion started in Forlì during the first conference with particular attention on the communication campaigns for citizens, sustainable planning of residential areas and of industrial areas.

The work group dedicated to campaigns for raising awareness proposed a new transnational project on communication tools and projects for focused targets such as children, young people and citizens. The technical groups acquired numerous information on the differences in legislation and implementation of the residential and industrial planning.



Participants in the seminar

TWINNOVATE – Second Conference

The second seminar of the Twinnovate project took place in Albacete from 16th to 18th March with the focus on the concept of innovation in local development for public actors.

The project partners (Ostsam for Sweden, Reggio Emilia Province and Scandiano municipality for Italy and Enzkreis for Germany) analysed different issues paying particular attention to the presentation of the Techno-Science Park as system of innovation. This experience has the main objective to create the best conditions enabling inter-relations, inter-culturalism, inter-connections among people, ideas and SMEs in order to enhance technology transfer and increase the knowledge.

The next seminar will take place in Linköping (Sweden) in mid June. More information on the dedicated web site: www.twinnovate.eu

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MEMBERS

28-31 March Quality Cities project – 2nd Seminar in Scandiano

6-7 April NTT+ - National training in Spain

2 April Deadline to propose new project proposals for the General Assembly 2010

16 April Deadline for on-line registration for the 2010 General Assembly

22-23 April NTT+ - National training in Finland

6-8 May General Assembly in Piteå

17-20 May Network of forward policies and actions for seniors in Europe – 2nd seminar in Pforzheim (Germany)

13-16 June NTT+ project – Partnering and project development event in Rimini



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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IN SCANDIANO

The Executive Board met in Scandiano (Reggio Emilia Province) on Saturday 20th February 2010.

Revision of the SERN Strategy

The agenda foresees important features for the future of SERN in particular the approval of the proposal from civil servants group about the revision of the SERN strategy and guidelines 2010-2012. Indeed, the background has been changed with the impacts of the financial crisis and the two project priorities within SERN were influenced by these changes. The two priorities for the next two years are:

- Sustainable local/regional development and competitiveness
- Social inclusion

New SERN members

The Board approved and welcomed three new members:



Cooperative Sociale Kara Bobowski formed in 1992 in the Forlì area and it works mainly with children and young adults with or without disabilities. Now it is expanding its activities in the Leonardo programme.



Smedjebacken Municipality located in the region of Dalarna in Sweden with 10700 inhabitants.



Laives Municipality, the first non Emilia-Romagna Italian member of SERN. Indeed, this municipality is located in Alto Adige with around 17.000 inhabitants.