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Workshop: SUBSIDIARITY THEMATIC WORKSHOP "Social Cohesion in a time of crisis: local and regional innovative responses"

07 October 2010, 11:15 - 13:00

Organiser: Committee of the Regions

Chair: L. Gussetti, Director of Consultative Works, CoR

Speakers: Ms Henriette Van Eijl
Mr Luis María Ullibarri Martínez de Aguirre
Ms Nuria Mignone

Eurocities (Ms Ganzerla) cancelled its participation last minute. Ms Joanna Kubiak from Wielkopolska Region, member of the working group on social innovation of the SMN Action Plan, made a substantial contribution at the end of the workshop.

Outline

The purpose of the Thematic Subsidiarity Workshops (TSW) is to direct the subsidiarity debate towards practical issues in policy making within specific sectors, i.e. those policy domains where decisions are mostly made at the local, regional or national levels and where the European Community does not have exclusive competences (see for example arts 4, 5 and 6 TFEU). The TSW encourage a dialogue between the relevant actors (EU Institutions, local and regional authorities represented in the CoR Subsidiarity Monitoring Network, think tanks, etc) focusing on one or more particular EU initiatives.

Within the framework of the Action Plan of the Subsidiarity Monitoring Network, two working groups are focusing on issues related to social cohesion: first, the group led by the Basque Country is centered around "social innovation"; and second, the working group led by ArcoLatino will work on "social policies and rights". The SMN workshop during the Open Days will serve to discuss the outputs of these two

working groups and to analyse how the application of subsidiarity can lead towards successful projects within this policy area.

Debate

Welcoming speech by Mr L Gussetti (cfr. OD 2010 - Speaking points LGUS)

- Drew attention to the EC flagship initiative: "Innovation Union" that was launched on 6 Oct 2010

Speech by Ms Henriette van Eijl – EC DG Enterprise – Innovation Policy

- ppt in attachment
- 1st Innovation strategy to carry the word "Social"
- Creation of a scoreboard in order to follow up on implementation and progress
- Inclusion the business world as supporters of social innovation

Speech by Mr Ullibarri Martínez de Aguirre – Innobasque – Social Innovation

- ppt in attachment
- Need for conceptual view on social innovation in order for the different initiatives to bear fruit
- Created an indication system with \pm 30 points to measure innovation
- Social innovation is a value chain consisting of transformation (change); acquiring new knowledge, reapplying solutions/knowledge and enhancing them.
- Need to include the educational system

Speech by Ms Nuria Mignone – Province of Alessandria – European Projects Officer

- ppt in attachment – presentation of best practice
- 2011 is the Year of Volunteers; attention for non-profit, public and private sectors
- Importance to free funds for initiatives
- Need for concrete solutions

Intervention from Joanna Kubiak, Wielkopolska Region (PL): reference to best practices carried out and the participation of Wielkopolska Region in the SMN Action Plan.

Conclusion by LGUS; thanks everyone for their contributions and opens the floor to the guests for Q&A session.

<i>Question</i>	<i>Answer</i>
<p>Can small companies (i.e. less than 20 employees, 2-3 people) get funding – start ups - ? Mr Adrain S. Petrescu, University of Maryland UC Europe</p>	<p><i>EC:</i></p> <p>the Social Innovation scoreboard will measure initiatives as low as 10 people.</p> <p>EC recognises the importance of small groups to the innovation at large</p> <p><i>Eurostat</i> representative in the room: will come back on this</p>
<p><i>Action:</i></p> <p>LGUS - The answer will be posted on our website (SMN group)</p>	

Conclusions

Closing remarks by LGUS;

- ways must be found to inform all of the best practices in innovation,
- need to ensure that money of the community is well spent.

More information:



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