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Troubled Families Transnational Peer Review
Event

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Delegate Information Pack



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ESF Agency-Flanders, Gasthuisstraat 31,
1000 Brussels

13 – 14 November 2014

Day 1

- 09.00** **Arrival, registration and coffee**
- 09.30 Welcome and overview of Active Inclusion Network
- 09.50 Systematic Review and Research to Date
- 10.20 Presentation from Marie-Anne Paraskevas, European Commission
- 10:40** **Coffee break**
- [delegates to move into their workshop break out rooms]*
- 11.10 Introduction of the experts
- 11:40 Presentation 1 and Q&A
- 12:15 Presentation 2 and Q&A
- 12:50** **Break for lunch**
- 13:50 Presentation 3 and Q&A
- 14:25 Presentation 4 and Q&A
- 15:00** **Coffee break**
- 15.30 Presentation 5 and Q&A
- 16.05 Presentation 6 and Q&A
- 16.40 Presentation 7 and Q&A
- 17:15 Review of Day 1 and details of Day 2
- 17:30** **Close**

Day 2

09:00	Arrival, registration and coffee
09:10	Discussions on Innovation theme key points
09:55	Discussions on Transferability theme key points
10:40	Discussions on Learning theme key points
11:25	Discussions on Finance theme key points
12:15	Next steps and closing address
12:30	Close



Project Summary

Active Inclusion is a European Social Fund (ESF) transnational Learning Network, funded through the European Commission. The partners of the network come from: Belgium, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Sweden and the United Kingdom. The project commenced in June 2013, and is due to finish on 31 May 2015.

The themes that the Learning Network is looking at are:

- **Troubled Families** (Anti Social Behaviour; Offenders' Families; Long term/multi-generational Unemployed; and Educational Problems.)
- **Disaffected Youth** (Youth Not in Education, Employment or Training; and Youth Inclusion and Empowerment.)
- **Marginalised in Communities** (Homelessness; Physical, mental and learning difficulties; Offenders/Ex Offenders; and Drugs and Alcohol abuse.)

Research

The overall goal of the Learning Network is to tackle unemployment amongst '**Troubled Families**', '**Marginalised in Communities**' and '**Disaffected Youth**' by enhancing social inclusion and preventing stigmatisation. The Learning Network will identify where and what type of support is required, and what policies and practices work best and offer the best chance of success for the disadvantaged. It is doing this by examining government strategies and policies, as well as identifying and evaluating programmes, interventions and innovative work, from across the EU, that promote the social inclusion of these disadvantaged groups.

a) Questionnaires

As part of the Network, questionnaires have been sent out to NGOs, charities and Government Departments, across the EU, in order to collect practices in the field of employment and employability of disadvantaged groups.

b) Systematic Review

In addition to analysing the collected practices, the Network is conducting a systematic review of recent research into inclusion and employment for the mentioned disadvantaged groups. The systematic review will provide hard evidence on what works in enhancing employability and employment of the excluded. It will also start to identify the possible indicators that are connected with success of interventions in this area.

c) Semi-Structured Interviews

Finally, semi-structured interviews will be conducted with leading experts in the field of the employment of the vulnerable groups to compliment the findings from the collected practices and review.

Outcomes and Findings

The outcomes and findings of the Learning Network will be used to help ESF Managing Authorities make informed decisions when introducing and assessing policy about how best to tackle unemployment amongst those groups that the Learning Network is focusing upon. Finally, the results of the Learning Network will be disseminated through an EU transnational conference and on a website which will have a knowledge management database section.

Transnational Events

A first series of transnational events were held between April – June 2014. At these events experts, from across the European Union, analysed and reviewed the collected practices received by the Learning Network, and identified those that they felt were the most innovative and effective according to a set of criteria proposed by the network and aimed to point out innovative aspects, learned lessons, possible areas of transferability and financial proposals for future initiatives.

A second series of transnational events are now taking place, where the collected practices, as chosen by the experts at the first series of events, will present their interventions to a panel of experts and participate in a question and answer session. This panel of experts will include the interventions, as well as transnational experts (subject specific experts, representatives from European Social Fund Managing Authorities and representatives from pan-European organisations). This 'peer review exercise' will enable the Learning Network to identify the key points that need to be in place to ensure interventions are innovative and effective with regards to the social inclusion of vulnerable communities into employment. The dates of this second series of transnational events are as follows:

- The **Troubled Families event** is taking place in **Brussels, Belgium on 13-14 November and is focusing on the** following sub-themes:
 - 1) Anti Social Behaviour and Educational Problems
 - 2) Long term Unemployment/multi-generational employment and Offenders' Families

- The **Disaffected Youth event** is taking place in **Rome, Italy on 04-05 December and is focusing on the** following sub-themes:

1) Youth Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) and Youth Inclusion and Empowerment.

- The **Marginalised in Communities event** is taking place in **Bremen, Germany on 04-05 February and is focusing on the** following sub-themes:
 - 1) Homelessness and Physical, mental and learning difficulties,
 - 2) Offenders/Ex Offenders and Drugs and Alcohol abuse.



A) Purpose of Troubled Families Peer Review Event

The overall aim of the event is to share and review the interventions selected in the first round of meetings for their innovative and learning paths to social inclusion of troubled families. These interventions have been invited to present their work and will focus on any of the following sub-themes:

- 1) Anti Social Behaviour
- 2) Offenders' Families
- 3) Long term Unemployment/multi-generational employment
- 4) Educational Problems

A panel of European experts will attend the meeting and will help the network in reviewing interventions and identifying those key points that could improve interventions in this area. Particularly experts will be split into 2 workshops and will ask interventions probing questions keeping in mind the network leading criteria of: innovation, transferability, learning points and finance.

As this is a peer review event, once an intervention has presented their work, they will then form part of the expert panel and participate in the reviewing of the other interventions.

The experts invited to participate in this event have been identified by the Learning Network as having particular expertise in the field of social inclusion. The Learning Network believes that their knowledge and experience will play an important role in reviewing the interventions presented and identifying the key points amongst them, that make them best practice with regards to improving the employability and social inclusion of vulnerable groups into the labour market.

How you can help

In order to ensure that the Learning Network is both effective and leads to a lasting improvement in the social inclusion of disadvantaged groups into employment across the European Union, it is important that the most innovative programmes, projects and interventions, from across the European Union, are identified and best practice is shared.

The key network criteria to analyse practices and to identify effective solutions are: Innovation, Transferability, Learning Points and Finance. Consequently at the "Troubled Families Peer Review Event" the interventions will present their practices focusing on these key criteria.

As member of the expert panel you can help the network in picking up the most effective aspects of each practice on the basis of your experience and knowledge in the field of social inclusion. Particularly delegates are required to ask the interventions probing questions to determine what makes it best practice, taking into account the 4 key network criteria.

In the way of background reading material, delegates have been provided with:

- the original questionnaires completed by the interventions
- detailed written descriptions of the intervention.
- systematic review and executive summary of the interim final report

Essential reading - it is requested that the delegates read the original questionnaires and the written descriptions for all the interventions. This will provide a good knowledge of the interventions that will be presented at the event, and will help you to think of questions to ask each intervention.

Additional reading - the systematic review and executive summary of the interim final report are provided as additional reading. It is not essential to read this in advance of the event though it could give you some more inputs on questions to be asked.

The key points, identified on Day 1 for each intervention, will then be discussed and reviewed during a plenary session on Day 2 of the event.

Attendee List

Anti-Social Behaviour and Educational Problems workshop

- **Facilitator: Heather Law, Birmingham City Council, UK**
- **Scribe: Rhianon Williams, Ministry of Justice, Germany**

Presenters/Interventions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Intervention name</u>	<u>Survey code</u>	<u>Country</u>
1. George Mouskoundi	The Pathways Project	ASB5	UK
2. Arkadiusz Borysiewicz	Choose your future	EP22	Poland
3. Luisa Delfino	Progetto Re-start	ASB20	Italy
4. Not attending	Europe value added training – EVAT	EP20	Northern Ireland
5. Maria Svenning	Meeting Place 2020	ASB19	Sweden
6. Bert Kalter	Action plan Youth Unemployment	EP30	The Netherlands
7. Angela Murphy	Tomorrow's Women Wirral	ASB6	UK

Experts

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Nationality</u>
1. Dainius Ciurinskas	ESF Lithuania	Lithuanian
2. Jorg Weber	Regional Ministry of Hessen	German
3. Mariya Georgieva	Pulse Foundation	Bulgarian
4. Cristina Goni	International Juvenile Justice Observatory	Spanish
5. Massimiliano Ferrua	Cooperativa Animazione Valdocco	Italian
6. Marie-Anne Paraskevas	European Commission	Belgian

Attendee List

Long-term unemployment/multi-generational unemployment and Offenders' Families workshop

- **Facilitator: Craig Georgiou, NOMS, UK**
- **Scribe: Giovanna Mangano, ISFOL, Italy**

Presenters/Interventions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Intervention name</u>	<u>Survey code</u>	<u>Country</u>
1. Not attending	WAW trajectory	MGU3	Belgium
2. Ian Henshaw	Integrated outreach support	OF3	UK
3. Marie Cavanagh	Choices Plus	MGU29	Northern Ireland
4. Asta Eitminavičiute	Integration of the members of the family of high-quality social risk into the labour market'	OF9	Lithuania
5. Chrysavgi Sengi	Social Cooperative Enterprise - SCE "I Change"	MGU17	Greece
6. Lisa Dipaolo	Family Space (Spazio Famiglia)	OF7	Italy
7. Not attending	Restart 2 Transfer of Innovation Project	MGU25	Northern Ireland

Experts

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Nationality</u>
1. Danieja Mrhar Prelic	Prison Administration of Republic of Slovenia	Slovenian
2. Barbara Hansen	Ministry of Justice Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	German
3. David Mcguire	Diagrama Foundation	British
4. Michaela Vecchia	Evaluator	Italian
5. Phil Taylor	Project Director	British
6. TBC	ESF	German