



Europe for Citizens
Programme

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Facing challenges in the implementation of networks: from improved management skills to increased political commitment

Applicant: Sweden Emilia Romagna Network (SERN)

Partners: Association of Local Authorities Norrbotten (Sweden), Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities (Finland), Deputacion La Coruna (Spain), Agencije Lokalne Demokracije (Croatia).

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Description:

The project MANTT pursued the following objectives:

- Developing new skills among the civil servants and political representatives involved
- Improving the overall capacity of the local administrations to produce high quality EU projects
- Systematizing contents that will help the participants and other potential beneficiaries of the Measure 1.2 in the future to implement high quality networks
- Revitalizing and developing new town twinning relations at political level.

The main target groups are political representatives of the partnering organisations and civil servants of Europe offices and managers of specific policy area participating in EU projects.

The project foresees two transnational meetings focused on problems and difficulties found or to be met in the implementation of NTT projects in order to equip the participants with improved role management skills and one seminar addressed to decision makers at different political levels. The issues addressed will be: the importance of the political support in the project cycle and the political valorisation locally of the NTT and their impact on local polices.

The two training seminars were prepared by a questionnaire filled by representatives of organisations who were already involved in NTT projects at various stages. In the questionnaires, there was the analysis of the most critical moments during the project phases: from project presentation to start up, from start up to implementation and from evaluation to dissemination and follow up.

The main issue, which was approached in the seminar with political representatives, is the lack or scarce political commitment to and involvement in thematic network projects is related to a perceived low political value in the context of local policies. During the plenary sessions and the moderated discussion with experts the two issues which were tackled were: What can political representatives do to enhance their commitment towards EU projects? What help and support do they need to make their commitment more effective?