



Europe for Citizens
Programme

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Thematic networks Planning Process (PLANET)

Applicant: SERN Sweden Emilia Romagna Network (IT)

Partners: Association of Local Authorities Norrbotten (Sweden), Association of Polish Cities (Poland), Deputacion La Coruna (Spain), Agencije Lokalne Demokracije (Croatia).

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Description:

The project starts off from the need of improving project planning skills among local authorities interested in developing effective thematic networks projects (Measure 1.2 of the EFC Programme). The project's objectives are: 1) to enhance the skills of civil servants to meet the more complex and demanding challenges in terms of strategic planning with the partners; 2) to provide the participating municipalities with a common methodology for planning high quality projects ensuring consistency between objectives foreseen and final results; 3) to create a platform for networking in order to further develop the exchange and contacts at multiple institutional levels.

The training programme is dedicated to civil servants/municipal managers coming from the 5 partnering countries for a total of 35 participants.

The project foresees 3 training seminars, which are focused on the Project Cycle Management (PCM) methodology highlight the first phases of the project cycle: Indicative Programming, Identification, Formulation. The seminars are a step-by-step experience of the managerial implications tied to each phase and will concretely produce the conditions for an effective and shared planning and project formulation.

The coordination group of the project defined 5 themes which will lead to the creation of 5 thematic work groups:

- 1) Active ageing
- 2) Local Rural development strategies
- 3) Local urban development policies
- 4) Cultural policies as driver for local development
- 5) Waste management strategies

A dissemination seminar is held in Brussels in October 2012 to show the project process, the outcomes and to discuss with participants about their experience.

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