



International Partnership Conference “Partnerships: Opportunities and challenges”

11 – 12 October 2011

Schönbrunn Palace Conference Centre (Tagungszentrum Schönbrunn), Vienna, Austria

Tuesday, 11 October 2011

13.00 – 13.30 Registration of participants and welcome coffee

13.30 – 14.00 OPENING REMARKS

- Szilard Tamás, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- Petra Draxl, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria
- Andrea Forti, Committee of the Regions

14.00 – 14.30 INPUT SESSION “Community of Practice on Partnership in the ESF”

Within this input session, the ESF learning network “Community of Practice on Partnership in the ESF” with its objectives and activities will be introduced.

Core COP members from Austria, Germany and Hungary

14.30 – 16.15 PANEL SESSION “Impact of partnerships on Operational Programmes of the Member States/Regions and their future perspective (2014+)”

- Szilard Tamás, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- Petra Draxl, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria
- Pawel Choraży, Department for ESF Management, Ministry of Regional Development, Poland
- Martina Böhner, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Germany
- Andrea FORTI, Committee of the Regions
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16.15 – 16.30 INTRODUCTION of interactive sessions

The design and organisation of interactive sessions will be presented by the moderator of the conference. Up to 15 selected partnerships at programme and project level from the EU 27 will be presented at exhibition stands, providing the possibility for participants to exchange knowledge in pre-arranged meetings.

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break

17.00 – 17.30 INTERACTIVE SESSION I

The session will offer participants the opportunity to meet representatives of selected partnerships and exchange practical experiences at exhibition stands. In each session, lasting 30 minutes, up to five visitors will be able to interview partnership representatives about key aspects of their work and get to know each other.

19.00 DINNER RECEPTION



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(under lead of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection)



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9.00 – 9.30 Welcome coffee

9.30 – 10.15 **INTERACTIVE SESSION II**

The session will offer participants the opportunity to meet representatives of selected partnerships and exchange practical experiences at their exhibition stands. Each session, lasting 30 minutes, will be followed by 15 minutes break.

10.15 – 10.45 **INTERACTIVE SESSION III**

The same conference method will be used as in the interactive sessions I and II.

10.45 - 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 - 13.30 **INPUT SESSION “Partnership Learning Manual and lessons learnt for the ESF Managing Authorities and partnership representatives” followed by plenary discussions**

The Partnership Learning Manual aims to assist ESF Managing Authorities in their further development and help countries learn from existing experience. The Manual will comprise key results of the COP and will define common approaches as well as good practices of the Member States on the areas of concern. The Partnership Learning Manual will summarize the results achieved by the PEO explorations per MS and their integration of the lessons learnt.

Input on the Manual will be followed by discussions with the audience and key actors from the EC and COP on learning and impact of partnerships at EU level.

- Leda Stott, COP partnership expert

13.30 – 13.45 **RESULTS OF THE EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF THE COP**

Analysis of external evaluation will be presented by the Tavistock Institute including the effects of the COP in respect to enhancing policies outcomes of its members as well as level of sustainability reached by implementing the COP tasks in order to assist Member states/regions to enhance policy outcomes.

- Kerstin Junge, Tavistock Institute of Human Relations, United Kingdom

13.45 – 14.00 **COMMUNIQUÉ ON PARTNERSHIPS IN THE ESF**

The Partnership Communiqué, which was developed by the COP core members, aims to promote partnership as an integral part of both policy design and delivery at all governance levels. The Communiqué consisting of the set of recommendations will be presented by the COP lead partner (Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection – BMASK, Austria).

- Petra Draxl/ Doris Ballwein, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria

14.00 – 15.00 **LUNCH and FAREWELL**

* The whole conference will be moderated by Klaus Schuch (Centre for Social Innovation, ZSI)

