



Community of Practice on Partnership in the ESF ○

**European Learning Network
“Community of Practice on Partnership
in the ESF”
01/2009 – 12/2011**

International Partnership Conference

Vienna, Austria
11 October 2011

Jana Machacova & COP core members



COP on Partnership – History

Since **2003**

Cooperation between ESF-MAs: European Thematic Group on Partnerships

2006 – 2008

COP on Partnership in the ESF
<http://esflivearchive.zsi.at/>



Milestones:

- 'Country Analysis'
- 'Key Success Factor Framework'
- '**Guidebook How ESF Managing Authorities and Intermediate Bodies support partnership**' (<http://partnership.esflive.eu/node/368>)

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'New' COP on Partnership in the ESF



Who we are?

- COP network comprises **12 members** (7 ESF-MAs and 5 other Public Authorities or Technical Assistances) out of 9 MS:
 - AT Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection (BMASK), ESF-MA, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI)
 - BE(FI) ESF-Agency Flanders, ESF-MA
 - DE Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, ESF-MA and gsub - Projektegesellschaft mbH
 - EL Ministry of Employment and Social Protection, ESF- MA
 - HU National Development Agency, ESF-MA and Ministry for National Economy
 - IE Pobal
 - PL “Cooperation Fund” Foundation
 - PT Human Potential Operational Programme, ESF-MA
 - RO Ministry of Labor, Family and Social Protection, ESF-MA
- Lead partner: Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection (BMASK), Austria
- Since project start, the COP network stretched out from 10 Steering group members in January 2009 to **187 registered users** of the Web portal by 07 October 2011.



What are we interested in?

The COP focuses on the policy areas identified for ESF interventions, thereby examining **PEOs**:

- Partnership **Pactices** of MS on all levels,
- **Effects** on policies as well as impacts for ESF target groups and
- **Opportunities** for improving policy planning and delivery.

COP promotes continuous learning within the COP with the “**critical friend**” **review method**.

COP is interested in **partnership** in two forms:

- **governance mechanism** (ESF Reg., Art. 5);
- **territorial alliances/projects** (ESF Reg., Art. 3).



Partnership Practices of MS

Partnership as a governance mechanism (ESF Reg., Art. 5)

"The Member States shall ensure the involvement of the social partners and adequate consultation and participation of other stakeholders, at the appropriate territorial level, in the preparation, implementation and monitoring of ESF support"

Partnership in the form of territorial alliances / projects (ESF Reg., Art. 3)

"Promoting partnerships, pacts and initiatives through networking of relevant stakeholders, such as the social partners and non-governmental organisations, at the transnational, national, regional and local levels in order to mobilise for reforms in the field of employment and labour market inclusiveness"



COP Work Programme

COP Activities 01/2009 - 12/2011			
Pillar A) "Exchange & Learning"		Pillar B) "Joint development"	
Nr.	Activity	Nr.	Activity
A.1.	Partnership portal	B.1.	PEO Key Lesson reports
A.2.	Policy fora	B.2.	Partnership Learning Manual
A.3.	COP Meetings & PEO Exploration	B.3.	Communiqué on partnerships of ESF-MAs
A.4.	Peer reviews		
A.5.	Partnership Conference		
A.6.	Dissemination activities and exchange between other networks		
A.7.	Project management activities (COP address database and reports, etc.)		



COP Meetings & PEO Exploration

- COP Kick-Off Meeting, Vienna, Austria, 11 February 2010
- 2nd: **PORTUGAL** "Portuguese partnerships implemented within the scope of the ESF", Lisbon, 18-19 June 2009
- 3rd: **SWEDEN** "Linking Regional Growth and Labour Market Policies via Partnerships", Stockholm, 17-18 November 2009
- 4th: **GERMANY** "Partnership Practices on Enhancing Employability in Germany", Berlin, 25-26 March 2010
- 5th: **GREECE** "Partnership Perspectives on Strengthening Local Development", Chania, 17 - 18 June 2010
- 6th: **IRELAND** "The Irish Experience of Partnership Working in the Area of Gender Equality", Dublin, 20 October 2010
- 7th COP Meeting on "Burning issues", Brussels, Belgium, 19 January 2011
- 8th **HUNGARY** "Strengthening Local Employment Activities by Promoting Partnership", Budapest, 6 - 7 June 2011
- 9th **AUSTRIA** "Linking Policy Fields by Partnerships: The Austrian Territorial Employment Pacts (TEPs)", Vienna, 10 October 2011



Still coming up.....

- **International Partnership Conference “Partnerships: Opportunities and challenges”**
11 – 12 October 2011
Schönbrunn Palace Conference Centre
Vienna, Austria
- **‘Partnership Learning Manual’**
a publication on key outputs of the COP and MSs’ work by implementing partnerships (including results of PEOs and Partnership checklist)
- **‘Communiqué on partnerships of ESF-MAs’:**
a joint statement on partnerships consisting of set of recommendations



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