



Working Group Entrepreneurship and SMEs - Minutes

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Venue: *GNRation, Praça Conde de Agrolongo 123*

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All presentations are available on the website of the meeting:
http://www.eurocities.eu/eurocities/calendar/events_list/WG-Entrepreneurship-and-SMEs-26-March-2018-Braga-WSPO-AVSDRU

1) Welcome by WG chair and round table of participants

2) Presentations by cities on challenges and solutions for cities to support social entrepreneurship and social innovation

Four cities presented their strategies on social entrepreneurship:

- Presentation by Gothenburg (SE)
- [Presentation](#) Groningen (NL): Groningen smart users' city
- Presentation Lisbon (PT)
- [Presentation](#) Valladolid (ES): Valladolid - Social Entrepreneurship -



3) Presentation by Kris Luijsterburg (Rotterdam, NL) of the EUROCITIES publication The Role of Cities in Promoting Social Entrepreneurship

The debate followed with the presentation by Chair of Working Group Smart Social Innovation from Social Affairs Forum of the conclusions of EUROCITIES publication on social entrepreneurship a discussion on potential further actions on the theme of social entrepreneurship. Kris Luijsterburg underlined that in some countries the governments have adopted a definition on social entrepreneurship, linked to social effect, conceptual thinking and structural employment.

During the debate, concrete advice was given how to consider social entrepreneurship within public procurement

4) Discussion on future topics

Tour around the table:

- Bernardo Rodrigues (London): WG Innovation, opportunities in new funding tools, support to regions from the cohesion policy and from FP 9, how can FP 9 support EUROCITIES, EUROCITIES for FP 9 = cities as innovation hubs;
- Frédéric Deshayes (Nantes): Corporate social responsibility, green part and social part encourage SME to integrate;
- Karina (Bergen): Recession after oil crisis; how can we strengthen old SMEs to play a role in the future job creation, diversity of economy;
- Raymond Saller(Munich): 1. Milano micro credits in SAF brochure, 2. Public procurement and other tasks 3. Comparison of different eco systems, every definition has to do with company and stakeholders;
- Antonio Barroso(Braga): Building of responsible funds which are the trends t they can invest in, invest in start-ups, micro funds social entrepreneurship;

- Matthias (Mannheim): Companies in different eco systems, SMEs as drivers of innovation, integrate with other WGs;
- Kris Luijsterburg (Rotterdam, NL): Impact assessment;
- Claudia (Vice chair, SAF) One stop shop entrepreneurial ecosystem;
- Angus (Glasgow): Business continuity life cycle;
- Jesus (Valladolid): Success story, how do we measure common indicators, connect social entrepreneurship and circular economy and green economy;
- Floor De Jong(Groningen): Examples on how cities are working to get into the next century;
- Ulrike Firniss (Göteborg): New Industrial Policy, what does it means to SMEs, what does it change;
- Cristina Gil Adelantado(Barcelona): Global Development, social approach, integration, measure impact of public policy;

All the members agreed to the need to cooperate with other WGs, enhances quality of discussion due to special knowledge.

5) WG work programme 2018 and next meeting

Date and place of next meeting: in Grenoble Alpes Metropole (France) on 17 October 2018; WG chair and vice-chair elections will take place during this meeting.