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UPDATE ON WORKING GROUP
ACTIVITIES

WG Chairs



Chair: Marie-Christine Delaunay-Felix, Nantes

Vice-Chair: Mireille de Jonge, The Hague

- Main achievements this year
 - peer review on early school leaving, labour market and VET and early childhood education and care (1-2 March, Munich)
 - publication of the peer review on local education facilities
 - statement on Erasmus for All and amendments submitted to the European Parliament
- Next steps
 - meeting: Amsterdam (21-23 November) on early school leaving
 - action research on approaches to early school leaving (looking at horizontal issues, such as local education management, networking, etc.)



Chair: Nico van de Vrie, Rotterdam

- Main achievements this year
 - comparing approaches to tackling youth unemployment
 - contributing to and preparing a joint application for the SSH 7 programme 2013 'Social innovation against inequalities'
 - finishing the 2011 action plan of the WG on Fit-4-Work programme
 - contributing to the ESF task force
- Next steps
 - meeting: late 2012, beginning 2013



Chair: Wolfgang Förster (Vienna)

- **WG goals in 2012 - Subgroup Housing**
 - focus on social mixing policies in Europe
 - contribution to the ongoing discussion on the relationship between EU competition rules and social housing policies
 - focus on the input of demographic change on housing policies
 - focus on energy efficiency in housing
- **Main achievements this year**
 - background paper on housing, urban policy and the European Union focussing on:
 - State aid and social housing policies
 - cohesion policy and housing → Eurocities statement on housing in cohesion policy
 - joint meeting with WG ACCEE
- **Next steps**
 - focus on (innovative) funding systems for social housing
 - focus on affordable housing strategies in metropolitan regions



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WG Housing and Homelessness

Chair: Neil Munslow, Newcastle

- **WG goals in 2012 - Subgroup Homelessness**
 - exchange on cities strategies to tackle the effects of EU free movement in the field of homelessness
- **Next steps**
 - clarification of the future work and the future of the group within the next weeks



Chair: Lloyd Broad, Birmingham

- during 2011 the Taskforce developed
 - policy statement of future of ESF
 - position paper on future of ESF
 - joint position paper with WG Cohesion Policy
- during 2012 the Taskforce has primarily supported ongoing lobbying activities alongside the WG Cohesion Policy WG and SAF:
 - EU Parliament event at DG REGI Committee with WG Cohesion policy (8 May, Brussels)
 - presenting at Cypriot presidency event on Social Cohesion and Urban Development (3-4 September, Nicosia)
 - developing and presenting the amendments to the EMPL and REGI committee members
 - regular liaison with the MEPs on the ESF



Chair: Ramon Sanahuja, Barcelona

Vice-Chair: Anu Riila, Helsinki

- Main achievements this year
 - Integrating Cities Conference, 8-9 March 2012, Amsterdam
 - Policy dialogue with European Commission, Director General for Home Affairs
 - Completion of MIXITIES project
 - Publication of 3 Integrating Cities toolkits
 - Integrating Cities Charter monitoring process started
- Next steps
 - ImpleMentoring project - to begin 15 November 2012
 - Publication of first Integrating Cities Charter report (early 2013)
 - Participation in Presidency event on migrant integration, 20 November 2012
 - meeting: Riga (April 2013)
 - Integrating Cities, 9-10 September 2013, Tampere
 - Continue dialogue with European Commission and Committee of the Regions on strategic dialogue



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Task Force Roma Inclusion

Chair: Kristel Danel, Ghent

- Main achievements this year
 - Publication peer review report on Roma mediation
 - Publication report on mobile contact point
 - Assessment of the national strategies for Roma integration
- Next steps
 - Meetings: 7 November / January 2013
 - Cooperation with Open Society Foundations
 - Peer review on labour market integration 2013



Chair: Tom van Benthem, Amsterdam
Coordinator of ESSAP: Anders Eriksson, Stockholm

- Main achievements this year
 - no action since the last SAF meeting
 - representing the WG at 62nd meeting of the Regional WHO Committee for Europe
 - ESSAP strand meetings

- Next steps
 - meeting late 2012 or early 2013
 - possible ideas:
 - explore the relationship between health and working life
 - explore the possibilities offered by the new Horizon 2020
 - How to use URHIS research and e-health (possibly with Knowledge Society Forum)
 - investigate mutual fund raising possibilities as WG HI in total
 - coordinate actions on European level between members
 - In depth topic discussion. Proposed topic next meeting: integrated working
 - Investigate Public private partnership for the field of health (possibly with Economic Development Forum)