

The project

The transnational partnership "Strategies for Inclusion - coordinated approaches for quality employment" exchanges, evaluates and disseminates successful pathways to obtain and keep a job.

The European Social Policy Agenda describes unemployment as the single most important reason for poverty. A job is also seen as the best safeguard against social exclusion by most Member States in their National Action Plans against Poverty and Social Exclusion (NAPs/incl). Unemployment increases the risk of poverty in all countries.

The partnership has therefore agreed to focus on inclusion through work. The partnership is working with different target groups and with very different situations. This leads to the main issue of the partnership: To analyse and develop successful methods, effective structures and quality standards that will deliver good practice of coordinated approaches for achieving paid employment (incl. self-employment) for vulnerable groups.

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Relevant website: http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social

The partners

AMECOOP-Women Association of Co-operatives Managers in Madrid/Spain
www.AMECOOP.ORG

Ballymun Job Centre (BJC) Ltd in Dublin/Ireland
www.bmunjob.ie

Dundee City Council, Employment Disability Unit (EDU) in Dundee/Scotland (UK)
www.dundeeccity.gov.uk/pman/edu

Vocational Training Measures Company (GFBM e.V.) in Berlin/Germany
www.eu-gfbm.de

Mainstreaming Agenda in Palermo/Italy
www.mainstreaming.org

Rehabilitation Foundation in Helsinki/Finland
www.kuntoutussaatio.fi

The National Employment Foundation (OFA) in Budapest/ Hungary
www.ofa.hu

INTEGRA Association in Plovdiv/Bulgaria
www.integra.dir.bg

Vitamine W in Antwerpen/Belgium
www.vitamine-w.be

The Work Research Institute (WRI) in Oslo/Norway is co-ordinating the partnership.
www.afi-wri.no



National workshop

Exchange and interaction of good practices on the labour market

Within the transnational partnership of

Strategies for Inclusion— Coordinated approaches for quality employment

Phase II

1—5 September 2004

Sofia, Bulgaria

INTEGRA Association



Community Action Program to Combat Social Exclusion 2002-2006

Dear Madams and Sirs,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the discussions under the theme **“Exchange and interaction of good practices on the labour market”** within the workshop in Sofia, Bulgaria. The workshop will held on the 2nd and 3rd September 2004 , hall at the Best Western City Hotel, 6, Stara Planina Street, Sofia.

Your contribution will enrich our common work on the social sphere.

Yours faithfully,
Aneta Moyanova
Integra Association-
host institution

Participants in the workshop

Mr. Steinar Widding Work Research Institute, Oslo, Norway
Mrs. Tone Mortensen Directorate of Labour, Oslo, Norway
Mrs. Grete Wangen University College of Akershus, Norway
Mr. Andreas Wendel GFBM e.V., Berlin, Germany
Mrs. Fabienne Rinaldi Mainstreaming Agenda, Palermo, Italy
Mrs. Aneta Moyanova Integra Association, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

There will be representatives from the following Bulgarian organizations: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Union for Private Economic Entrepreneurship, Directorate Students Labour Office, University of National and World Economic in Sofia, NGOs directly working in the social sphere.

Program of the workshop

Thursday, 2nd September

9.30-10.00	Registration, coffee, buffet
10.00-10.15	Welcome, Official opening
10.15-10.45	Presentation of the Strategies for Inclusion partnership, its background, organisation and future steps.
10.45-11.15	Introduction of each participant in the workshop
11.15-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-12.45	The situation of the labour market in Bulgaria, overview of the programs in social sphere from the last 5 years.
13.00-14.30	Break for Lunch
14.30-15.00	Overview of the Norwegian labour market policy initiatives and measures, discuss some of the experiences made in this field.
15.00-15.30	Implementation of some programs of Ministry of Labour and Social Policy in Bulgaria, the foster expansion of the activities of civil society organizations to cushion the social implications of the transition in Bulgaria.
15.30-16.00	Coffee break
16.00-16.30	Integration of a specific group of workers in the labour market through a policy of public spaces' improvement (GESIP) - Italy
16.30-17.30	Discussion following the theme of our project and of the workshop include examples for well working models and factors for success: trying to identify possibilities for transfer, ideas exchange, giving recommendations etc.
17.30-18.00	Evaluation of the day/Internal meeting

Friday, 3rd September

9.30-12.00	Field visit to Labour Office in Sofia, worked on the program “From social benefits to employment”: strengths and weakness by the implementation of the program. Discussion.
12.00-13.30	Lunch
14.00-14.30	Seminar at the Directorate “Students Labour Office” The education and the labour for students in Bulgaria
14.30-15.00	The process of the development of the train the trainers education system on the field of supported employment (SE) in Norway; international website and network on the SE
15.00-15.30	The assessment programme for youngsters – intention, benefits of it, results of the last five years—Germany
15.30-16.00	Coffee break
16.00-17.30	The “work-program”: how the assessment programme for youngsters works
17.30-18.00	Evaluation of the day/Internal meeting

The working language will be English.