

Outline Agenda

ESF Simplification Thematic Network Launch meeting

December 9-10, 2015

Venue : AEIDL, Chaussée St-Pierre 260, 1040 Bruxelles

Day 1: Wednesday, December 9th	
12:00-13:00	Sandwich lunch
13:00-13:15	Welcome by the Leading Member State <i>Louis Vervloet (General Director, ESF Agency Flanders, Brussels)</i>
13.15-14:00	Introductions <i>All participants</i>
14:00-14:20	Commission view on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the policy background• the network's role and possible policy impact <i>Colin Byrne (DG EMPL – Unit F1 - SCO and JAP Team)</i>
14:20-14:45	Why are we here? Presentation of the TN (hints on potential subthemes and issues, approaches, results, outcomes) <i>Luca Santin (Thematic expert)</i>
14:45-16:30	Situation in each MS – first ideas on added value of network for each member <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "elevator pitch" – i.e. a 5-minute summary of current policy issues; solutions being tried; desired results for TN (*)• each person suggests their top 3 challenges and TX clusters them on flipchart. Then their top 3 opportunities <i>All MS representatives</i>
16:30-17:00	coffee
17:00-17:30	Response and suggestions on relevant mutual learning activities which meet MS needs + general discussion <i>Moderated by Louis Vervloet & Luca Santin</i>
17:30-17:40	Administration & logistics (attendance sheets, meals, expenses etc.) <i>AEIDL</i>
19:30	dinner

Day 2: Thursday, December 10th	
09:00-10:30	<p>Organising the network:</p> <p>What would members like to achieve? (lifespan, objectives, constraints, leadership, management, roles of MSs, stakeholders, EC, AEIDL etc.)</p> <p>Use of web collaboration tools</p> <p>Approach towards other TNs and to specific themes (social innovation & gender ...)</p> <p>How to evaluate?</p> <p>How should the network approach the ideas of a baseline study, problem & solution analysis, logical framework and workplan.</p> <p><i>Facilitated group session</i></p>
10.30-11.00	<p>How should the network approach dissemination & mainstreaming?</p> <p><i>Group discussion</i></p>
11:00-11:30	coffee
11:30-12:00	<p>Focus on National networks</p> <p><i>Group discussion</i></p>
12:00-12:30	<p>Proposals for activities:</p> <p>what would the MSs propose to do (e.g. research, benchmarking, peer reviews, study visits, inventories good practice, develop tools, standards or policy recommendations...)</p> <p><i>Moderated by Louis Vervloet & Luca Santin</i></p>
12:30-12:45	<p>Timetable for 2016</p> <p><i>Luca Santin</i></p>
12:45-14:00	Sandwich lunch

Notes :

(* Ms are invited to prepare a very short PowerPoint presentation (2-3 slides) to accompany the 5-minute summary. We kindly ask MS to send their presentation to the Leading MS and the Thematic expert before December 4th.

Any other contribution that the MS could send in advance concerning the current state of play and the desired results for the TN would be very useful for the discussion and, therefore, welcomed.