



COLLABORATION BETWEEN TOWNS AND CITIES
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AGENDA

ECN Steering Group Meeting Brussels

Thursday 11th of November 2010

Meeting chairing: Ballerup

Attendance:

Nacka	Annika Londono Sevgi Bardakci
Getafe	Maria Jesus Pedraza
Fingal	AnnMarie Farrelly Marie Lawlor
North Down	Clare McGill
Grodzisk Mazowiecki	Jan Pazio
Pernik	Mila Krasteva
Ballerup	Susse Bøtefyhr
ECN	Susanna Rafn



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1. Welcome and presentation

- Presentation of President's assistance
- 5 minutes update from each member

2. Approval Minutes

- Meeting Nacka January 2010 (updated amended version/Annika Londono)
- Triumvirate Ballerup June 2010

Enclosure: Meeting Nacka January 2010 & Triumvirate Ballerup June 2010

3. Finances/ Fingal

- Report/balance Sheet 2010 and budget 2011/ Marie Lawlor

Enclosure: Report/ Balance Sheet 2010 & Budget 2011

4. Nacka Presidency Report: Goals & Evaluation

- Nacka Presidency Report/Annika Londono

5. Ballerup Presidency Priorities

- New Members
- Extension of ECN interest in the member organisations

6. Update Members/New Members

Getting new members in the ECN is important for the future work and running of the Network. The presidency would like to discuss a possible strategy for getting new members. All ECN members are asked to think of relevant partners and use their different networks and contacts for promoting the process.

- Pernik is a new member
- Possible new members from
 - Portugal (Loures)
 - The Netherlands (Zaanstadt)
 - Germany (Potsdam?)
 - England (Barnet?)
 - France (St.Denis?)
- Other Networks to be contacted: CEMR/FALP

7. Update projects/Project Ideas

- Update InnoHubs. Meeting in Loures in September and in Getafe in November/Annika Londono

- Comenius/New school project

The Comenius project has ended. A DVD about the project is ready, and has been disseminated to members. There is a great interest among the schools in Ballerup for starting up new projects with ECN schools. Other interested partners?

- Youth Participation Project

The theme of the Summer camp 2011 is 'Democracy and Youth Influence'. The programme and content of the Summer Camp is in process. Project manager, Michael Hansen, Ballerup, is in dialogue with both Nacka and Fingal about this. The project has received 50.000 Euro, which cover the expenses of ECN partners for taking part.

- Staff Sport Clubs/Europe For Citizens

The sports club of Ballerup Municipality is planning an international sports event/competition in 2011 with attendance of colleagues from other ECN municipalities. Any interest from the colleagues in the ECN?

- Urbact

The "Urbact" project proposal will be discussed further and agreed at the seminar Friday.

- New project proposals?

8. Discussions about Revision of Protocol/Strategy- and Action plan 2010 – 2013

The protocol governing the cooperation, agreed in September 2007 in Nacka, is to be updated. The ECN has a 3-year Strategy- & Action plan which is expiring in 2010. It was decided at the time when the network adopted the strategy plan to let it be headed by the Lisbon Strategy as the overarching common European economic guidelines.

The Triumvirate agreed 13th June 2010 that the continuation of the Lisbon Strategy, the new "Europe 2020" strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth (agreed in EU June 2010) should be the overarching framework in the network collaboration.

The Protocol and Strategy –& Action plan should be updated at the meeting. A draft is sent out along with the agenda and the members are asked to prepare suggestions and amendments in advance.

Enclosure: Suggestions for the protocol and new Strategy-and Action plan as amended by the Triumvirate

9. Update Professional Networks/Study visits/Internships

The cooperation and knowledge sharing within ECN should be beneficial and fruitful to all type of staff in the ECN organisations. The Presidency asks the members to discuss and make a list of which areas/issues staff members could be interested in. The list should also include contact details of the relevant/responsible persons of each area

- Update
 - Ballerup to present a method which has been used successfully in the organisation to extend the interest of exchanging knowledge and experience within the ECN
 - Drug addiction: Getafe has previously presented an invitation to collaborate on drug abuse, which has been positively responded to by Ballerup.
 - Legal Adviser: Legal Advisers in Nacka and Ballerup have made contact and will subsequently get in contact with other partner Legal Advisers.
 - Economy: Executive Directors of Finance and their staff in Ballerup and Nacka are in contact regarding developing new methods of bench marking.
 - Security Issues/ Nacka
 - Ballerup: List of interested staff to be presented
 - Update other Partners?

10. Update website – Nacka

An updated and relevant website is very important – both to the existing members, and as a way to present the Network to possible new members. At the meeting Annika Londono and the Nacka webmaster, Sevgi Bardakci, will present the website and a process and time schedule for updating the website will be discussed by the steering group.

11. Update handbook - Ballerup

The Handbook should be available at the website. The Handbook needed to be updated and the steering group will discuss the process for updating the Handbook.

12. History of the Network

Ballerup has started to write a paper regarding the history of the Network as documentation. This should support the understanding of the Network and be a 'working tool' for new members and for new participants from existing member municipalities.

13. Next presidencies:

2010 – 2011 Ballerup
2011-2012 Fingal
2012 -2013 Northdown
2013-2014 ?

14. Next meeting in Ballerup, 4th – 6th of May 2011



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15. A.o.b.

- Meeting with ENTA 10.11.2010