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Lifelong Learning Programme

LdV Partnership Meeting in Ireland

Conference Report

22nd to 25th April 2012

at

**The Old Ground Hotel
Ennis, Co. Clare**

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Introduction to Report

Ireland hosted the 3rd meeting of the Lifelong Learning Programme "***Improving Employment Opportunities in the Labour Market for Marginalised Communities***". The Meeting was arranged by Co Clare VEC/ National Co-ordination Unit in Ennis, Co Clare in conjunction with the co-ordinating partner, the Labour Office in Jablonec nad Nisou. This meeting provided for a platform for general discussion on the two themes of the project with a view to learning from each other in relation to how we support Travellers/Roma and the long term unemployed accessing the labour market in the different countries in the partnership.

The theme for this 3rd meeting of partners was as follows:

- A) Travellers and Roma.
- B) Long Term Unemployed.

The issue of the poor take-up of Travellers in employment and lack of involvement in mainstream education was one of the themes which were explored during the partner meeting in Ireland. The other theme focused on the barriers faced by long term unemployed people accessing the labour market.

The following Partners attended this meeting in Ireland.

1. Czech Republic-Labour Office in Jablonec nad Nisou.
2. Czech Republic-EDUCA - vzdělávací centrum, s.r.o.
3. Poland-The Lower Silesian Regional Labour Office
4. Turkey-Trabzon Provincial Directorate of National Education
5. Co. Clare VEC/National Co-ordination Unit for Senior Traveller Training Centres



Agenda

LdV Partnership Meeting
Old Ground Hotel
Ennis, Co Clare, Ireland
22nd – 25th April 2012



PROJECT

“Improving Employment Opportunities in the Labour market for Marginalised Communities”

DAY 1
Sunday
22nd April

- 12:00 Welcome and Introductions **Gerard Griffin**
- Evaluation of 2nd Project Meeting held in Trabzon **Elena Cermakova**
- Overview of Programme to include Meetings/Social Programme **Frances Morrissey**
 Followed by a *Questions & Answers*
- 13:30 - 18:30 *Social Programme* : Visit to Bunratty Castle & Folk Park
 Lunch at Bunratty

DAY 2
Monday
23rd April

- 09:00 - 09:15 Welcome and Introductions  
- 09:15 - 09:45 Presentation: “Overview of Supports available for Long-term Unemployed”
 Followed by *Questions & Answers* **Lifelong Learning Programme**
Citizens Information Centre

09:45 - 10:15	Presentation: “ <i>Review of St Joseph’s Education Centre in the context of meeting the educational needs of Adult Travellers</i> ” Followed by <i>Questions & Answers</i>	<i>Triona Lynch</i> <i>Director of Centre</i>
10:15 – 10:45	Presentation: “ <i>Co Clare VEC’s Roma Support Service</i> ” Followed by <i>Questions & Answers</i>	<i>Mary Flanagan</i> <i>Co Clare VEC</i>
10:45 - 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break	
11:00 - 11:30	Presentation: “ <i>Services of Centres of Information and Vocational Guidance in Lower Silesian Voivedship Labour Office</i> ”	<i>Urszula Golinska</i>
11:30 - 13:00	Workshops on the 3 Themes for Meeting Individual Group Discussions and Feedback	
13:00 - 13:45	Lunch in the Old Ground Hotel	
14:00 - 16:00	Co Clare VEC Adult Education Service Welcome and Introduction	<i>Aobhán Haverty</i> <i>AEO</i> <i>Co Clare VEC</i>
	Presentations and meeting with staff and learners	
19:30	Conference Dinner in the Old Ground Hotel	

DAY 3
Tuesday
24th April

09:00 - 11:00	Presentations by Partners on Themes for Meeting	
	1) Presentation by Labour Office, Jablonec nad Nisou	<i>Representative from</i> <i>Labour Office</i> <i>Jablonec nad Nisou</i>
	2) Update on Project Website	<i>Wojciech Kedzior</i>
	3) Final Report on the statistical data on the Educational Outcomes in the Partnership Countries	<i>Gerard Griffin</i>
11:00 - 12:30	Free time or opportunity to take a Walking Tour of Ennis Town	

- 12:30 - 14:30 Meet in the Old Ground Hotel Foyer for formal visit to St Joseph's Education Centre (to include light lunch)
- 14:30 - 21:00 *Social Programme:* Coach Tour to Cliffs of Moher, Rock Shop and Burren Landscape to include Dinner at the Stonecutters Kitchen, Doolin

Minutes of Meeting



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Minutes

The third Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Programme – LdV – Partnership “Improving Employment Opportunities in the Labour Market for Marginalised Communities” , Ennis, Co Clare, Ireland , 22 – 25, April, 2012.

These minutes record the agreed decisions, project schedule, allocation of tasks during the formal meeting.

Participants:

1. Trabzon Milli Egitim Müdürlüğü, 61100 Trabzon, Turkey: Mr. Ugur Ulukaya , Mrs. Hatun Cacan, Mr. Ali Kise
2. Úřad práce CZ – Jablonec nad Nisou, Czech Republic : Mrs. Elena Čermáková, Mrs. Zita Stankovská, Ms. Petra Špringlová
3. EDUCA- vzdělávací centrum, s.r.o., Jablonec nad Nisou, Czech Republic : Mrs. Eva Kořánová, Ms. Veronika Dabová, Mr. Vojtěch Čejka
4. Dolnoslaski Wojewodzki Urzad pracy, Walbrzych, Poland: Mrs. Urszula Golinska, Mrs. Urszula Jadowska, Mr. Wojciech Kedzior
5. Co Clare VEC (National Co-ordination Unit for Senior Traveller Training Centres, Ennis, Ireland: Mr. Gerard Griffin, Mrs. Frances Morrissey, Mrs. Helen O’Sullivan, Mr. Rory Quinn etc.

Programme: see enclosed Programme Schedule- Agenda

Based on the Agenda Programme the following tasks and principles of mutual co-operation were agreed and finalised :

1. The teams responsible for the following themes specified in the Project are as follows:

Ireland – a) Travellers and Roma

b) Long Term Unemployed

Poland - c) Early School Leaving
Czech Republic – c) Early School Leaving
Turkey – f) Practice firms and experiences directing students, learners to the labour market and career guidance for the vocational students.

d) Long Term Unemployed
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e) Educational Programmes for Unemployed, Quality Issues

2. Mobilities

Preliminary Time Schedule

Year 2012

Turkey –29 February- 02 March ,2012
Ireland- April 22 – 25, 2012
Poland – June 10 – 13, 2012
Ireland – week October 24th -26th , 2012
Czech Republic –week December 3, 2012

Year 2013

Turkey – week February 4, 2013
Ireland – week April 15, 2013
Poland – week June 10, 2013

3. Evaluation of the last meeting in Ireland April 2012 An overview of our last partner meeting was given by Elena Čermáková detailing recommendations that were put together based upon feedback contained in the evaluation sheets. These recommendations had been forwarded to our Irish colleagues to ensure that they were given consideration in the planning for the meeting in Ennis.

4. Each partner nominated the speakers of each groups as follows:

Ireland – Mr. Gerry Griffin

Poland – Mr. Wojciech Bobecki – for the time being Mrs. Urszula Jadowska

Turkey – Ugur Ulukaya

Czech Republic – Labour Office – Mrs. Elena Čermáková

- EDUCA – Mrs. Eva Kořánová

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Three workshops took place at the meeting on the following themes –

_ Traveller/ Roma Communities

_ Early School Leaving

_ Long-term unemployed

Discussion took place at these workshops and was fed back to the main group after the group discussions. This information will be circulated at a later date by the host partners.

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5. **Presentation of the Final Report on the statistical data on the Educational outcomes in the Partnership Countries –Mr. Gerry Griffin gave an overview of the content of this report and distributed copies of this report to all attendees at the meeting.**

6. **For the next meeting in Poland in June 2012 it will be necessary for all partners to prepare a Report on ‘Early School Leaving’, Agreed headings for the content of this report was developed at the meeting. The Report (based on the data from the years between 2006 and 2011) will have to be sent to our Polish partner two weeks (May 31st) before the meeting at the latest. It is important that these reports are sent as a report has to be compiled by our Polish Partners for to be distributed at the meeting at partner meeting on June 10th.**

7. **The report will be prepared in accordance with this outline:**

- a) **Concrete data - attendance**
- leaving
- b) **Age range (what age do they leave), gender**
- c) **Reasons for leaving**
- d) **Supports available for ESL**
- e) **What training educational Programmes?**
- f) **Pathway back**
- g) **Success of programmes**

8. **It was agreed the host partner would produce a conference report for this partner meeting, this will include the following:**

- **Agenda of meeting**
- **Attendance List-signed by participants**
- **Minutes of meeting**
- **Copy of social programme**
- **Copy of presentations at meeting**
- **Photographs taken over the 2 days**

- Copy of website page
- Agreed decisions
- Copy of evaluation sheet

It was noted that we also will need a conference report for our recent meetings in the Czech Republic and in Turkey. The same format has outlined above will be used for this meeting. The need for these reports had been outlined in our initial application form to our national agencies.

9. Websites - Our Polish partner has the responsibility developing for the Project Partnership website. The website will be in the English language, with each country will consider translating all the information into their own native language. If further information is required, our Polish partner will contact each partner separately to source this required information. It was agreed also that each partner will provide relative links to other websites that they would deem useful to be added to the links Section on the website.

10. Our Turkish partner proposed the use as a communication channel of "DROPBOX" . All participants will use it for the sharing relevant information, presentations, photos etc.

11. AOB

All information was covered over the course of the meeting, so nothing is to be recorded under AOB.

Jablonec nad Nisou, April 30, 2012

Social Programme

The social programme included visits to St Joseph's Education Centre and the Adult Education Centre, both located in Ennis. At these Centres were given the opportunity to meet with staff and learners in an informal basis. During these visits we saw first hand the Centres in action and were given short presentations on this history, function and policies of both Centres,

Over the course of the three days, participants got the opportunity to see County Clare from a tourist perspective.

This included the following;

- Visit to Bunratty Castle & Folk Park, with lunch at Bunratty
- Walking Tour of Ennis Town
- Coach Tour to Cliffs of Moher,
- Visit to the Rock Shop, and Burren National Park

Copy of Presentations at meeting

Copies of presentations given during the course of the conference can be accessed on the following website for the project. <http://www.betteropportunities.dwup.pl/en-Documents.html>

Each partner on the project can locate the presentations on Dropbox that has been set up as a storage location for the project.

Photograph of all participants taken during meeting (except Turkish partners who had to leave early due to difficulties with travel arrangements to Turkey)

Group visit to St Joseph's Education Centre, Ennis, Co. Clare



Conference Workshops

Participants at the meeting were broken into three groups; three particular questions were explored by the three different groups that were formed at the meeting. Participants were located into groups based upon their interests. Feedback from Workshops that took place were noted and fed back to the general group for discussion. The following contains the information that was recorded during individual group discussions. First part of the group discussion was the identification of the challenges faced by the three different client groups accessing the labour market. The second part of the workshop looked at finding particular solutions that could be used to remove these barriers/challenges.

Group A

Workshop 1 – Identify the Challenges faced by Roma/Traveller community accessing the Labour Market or returning to education and training programmes?

Challenges

- Education
- Literacy
- Skills
- Language
- Value system
- Housing
- Social Welfare dependent
- Discrimination
- Integration

Workshop 2 – Give clear solutions as to how these challenges were circumvented in your own country context?

Solutions

- Money
- Leaders
- Literacy

Group B

Workshop 1 - Identify the Challenges faced by The Long- Term Unemployed accessing the Labour Market or returning to education and training programmes?

Challenges

- Motivation
- Literacy
- Social problems
- Information
- Skills
- Recession
- Confidence
- Renumeration

Workshop 2 – Give clear solutions as to how these challenges were circumvented in your own country context?

Solutions

- Support
- Flexible Education
- Internships
- Self employment support
- Holistic services
- Technical studies

Group C

Workshop 1 – Identify the Challenges faced by Early School Leavers accessing the Labour Market or returning to education and training programmes?

Challenges

- Supports
- Experience
- Encouragement
- Competition
- Motivation

Workshop 2 – Give clear solutions as to how these challenges were circumvented in your own country context?

Solutions

- Relevant Skills
- Work Experience
- Peer encouragements

Attendance List
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List of Attendees

Participant	Organisation
Hatun Cacan	Trabzon Directorate of National Education
Vojtech Cejka	EDUCA Jablonec nad Nisou
Elena Cermakova	Labour Office, Jablonec nad Nisou
Veronika Doubova	EDUCA Jablonec nad Nisou
Urszula Golinska	Labour Office, Walbrzych
Urszula Jadowska	Labour Office, Walbrzych
Wojciech Kedzior	Labour Office, Walbrzych
Eva Koranova	EDUCA Jablonec nad Nisou
Ali Kose	Trabzon Directorate of National Education
Frances Morrissey	National Co-ordination Unit
Helen O'Sullivan	Co. Clare VEC
Rory Quinn	Co. Clare VEC
Petra Springlova	Labour Office, Jablonec nad Nisou
Zita Stankowska	Labour Office, Jablonec nad Nisou
Ugur Ulukaya	Trabzon Directorate of National Education
Gerard Griffin	National Co-ordination Unit