

Futurreg Steering Committee Meeting Status Report

Malta, June 28 2006



1. (a) Progress to Date

- 2nd SC Meeting, Thessaloniki held successfully.
- Minutes of 2nd SC Meeting compiled and circulated.
- 1st Progress Report (activity report and audited financial report) submitted to Interreg IIIC West Secretariat and accepted subject to revision
- The 7 Regional Appraisals of Futures Skills/Experience – all partners (2.4) – mostly complete and appraised

- Completion of the regional futures toolkit (3.2) by partners still in progress.
- Testing of the toolkit with a representative group of regional stakeholders not done/work in progress.
- Cardiff BS worked with IJD and FFRC to produce the inter-regional workshop materials at Turku (3.3 & 3.4) and the workshop presenters identified and engaged.

- Each partner has in collaboration with regional stakeholders, begun the process of defining the two applications of the toolkit and the requisite *pro-formas* are already in place.
- Partner work on the toolkit applications – scoping, background research etc. ongoing (4.1).
- Website completed and posted
- BMW Region working on the dissemination brochure for presentation (5.3).

1. (b) Next Steps

- 2nd Progress Report due 01.09.06
- Minutes of 3rd SC Meeting, Malta, to be circulated
- 4th SC Meeting to be held in Logroño, La Rioja in December 2006
- Evaluation of Turku workshops (2.9).
- Plans for implementation underway, more partner details and firming up required (3.5).
- Start and monitor the implementation matrix over the summer, ready for implementation in September (3.6).

- 2nd workshop to be held in the second part of September in Wallonie, date TBC.
- Partners to begin work on the toolkit applications (4.1)
- Brochure completion & distribution to partners (5.3).
- Early marker to be set for the group for the agenda for the concluding conference & BMW Region to secure a venue by December 2006 / January 2007 (5.4).

1.(c) Reporting

- Progress report approved by Interreg Secretariat and payment will be made by 1st/2nd week of July
- For project claim 1/1/06 - 30/6/06, all partners to return completed audit reports and forms to LP auditor by 10th August 2006

2. (a) Turku Workshop Review

- Feedback
- 17 forms returned
- The bulk noted high satisfaction with meeting institutional and personal objectives and training needs, with a slightly lower proportion re personal objectives

(1 = not at all, 5 = completely)

1. This event met my personal objectives **median score: 3.9**

2. This event met my institutional objectives **median score: 4.1**

3. This event supports my training/development needs
median score: 3.8

**Grading scale: Excellent-Very Good-
Good-OK-Poor**

6. How would you rate the organisation of this event?

Overall score: Excellent-Very Good

7. How would you rate the content of this event?

Overall score: Very Good

8. How did you rate the speakers?

Overall score: Very Good

- What were the main benefits of the workshop and the most valuable things you have learned?

Exposure to various tools and their uses...Networking.....means and objectives.....methodology... overview of method, pros & cons of applying the futures tools...the toolkit tools very interesting...to learn about Foresight & Futures Toolkit..... I have a much better perspective on how I need to take forward the Futures work I will be commissioning...Made me think how the Foresight Techniques could be applied to my organisation's situation and also for certain sectorsGood speakers, Scenario and Delphi presentations good....stakeholders familiarised with toolkit...re-evaluation of tools as many opinions were stated.

2.(b) Planning for 2nd Workshop - Wallonie

3. Dissemination

(a) Brochure

- BMW to manage tendering & production
- A4 20 pager in English with back document pocket for local material agreed
- CD-ROM option to be explored and costed in addition

(b) Website

Up and running

(c) Other Dissemination Opportunities

e.g. Toronto World Futures (late July 2006)

4. Evaluation

- Various levels
- ADER

5. Futures Toolkit

6. Applications of the Toolkit

- (a) Regional Plans

Partner Contributions

- (b) Inter-Regional Cooperation:

Flipchart / matrix

7. Requests for Change in Operation

- Any adjustments to be considered and submitted before semester end i.e. December 2006

**8. Next Meeting of the Steering
Committee**

9. Any Other Business