

European Network on Youth Employment

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Preparatory meetings

Invitation Letters to contact points for transnational cooperation in the ESF for the programming period 2007-2013 (March 2008)

- Corfu, Greece 17-18 April 2008
(representatives from 8 Member States)

Invitation Letters to contact points for transnational cooperation in the ESF for the programming period 2007-2013 (October 2008)

- Nicosia, Cyprus 11 November 2008
(representatives from 10 Member States)



Call for Proposals VP/2008/018 (ESF 2007-2013)

Members of the Network

- Kypros (Cyprus), (Applicant-Lead Partner)
- Belgique (Belgium-Flanders),
- Italia (Italy- Tuscany region)
- Elláda (Greece)
- Deutschland (Germany)
- Lietuva (Lithuania)
- España (Spain)
- Svenska (Sweden)



Objectives of the Network

- identify good and promising practices through the execution of baseline studies, peer reviews and study visits,
- develop a Common Reference Framework for the employment policies for the young,
- draw up proposals regarding national and European policies in the field of youth employment, and
- capitalise on this when ESF Operational Programmes are revised and developed in the framework of EU's next Programming Period.



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- The total approved budget is €477.735, of which 90% is the European Commission contribution.
- The official starting date was the 1st of July 2009.
- The kick-off meeting took place on the 17th of September 2009 in Brussels.
- The official closing date was the 30th of June 2012.



Operation & Structure of the Network

The network is structured around three basic pillars:

- The Steering Committee
- The Working Groups, and
- The Secretariat



Members of the Steering committee

Country		
Cyprus	Mr. Alexandros Alexandrou	Mr. Kyprianos (Akis) Nicolaides
Belgium (Flanders)	Mr Louis Vervloet	Mr Stijn Vanden Berghe
Germany	Ms Sabina Schlinke	
Greece	Ms Rania Oikonomou,	Ms. Kiki Staikou,
Italy (Tuscany region)	Mr.Alessandro Compagnino	Ms Sabina Stefani
Lithuania	Mr. Rimantas Garbstas	Ms Egle Mikolaityte
Spain	Ms Victoria Berrocal Ruiz	Mr. Jose Manuel Wolff Pérez
Sweden	Ms Susanne Zander	Ms Louise Stjernström



Working Groups

One working group was created for each of the following thematic fields:

- Entrepreneurship
- Educational and Vocational Counseling
- Mobility



Members of the Working Groups

Thematic Field: Entrepreneurship	Thematic Field: Mobility
Ms Tina Orfanidou (coordinating expert)	Mr. George Christodoulides (coordinating expert)
1. Ms Ingrida Geciene	1. Mr Paolo Federighi
2. Mr Jose Antonio Gonzalez- Elipe	2. Mr Oscar Svensson
3. Mr Anastasios Vasiliades	3. Mr Hans-E. Steimle
4. Mr Magnus Bjorkstrom	

Thematic Field: Educational and Vocational Counselling

Ms Mariangela Zanaki (coordinating expert)

1. Ms Kassandra Teliopoulou

2. Ms Stamatiki (Matina) Gkogka

3. Ms Vilma Jankuniene

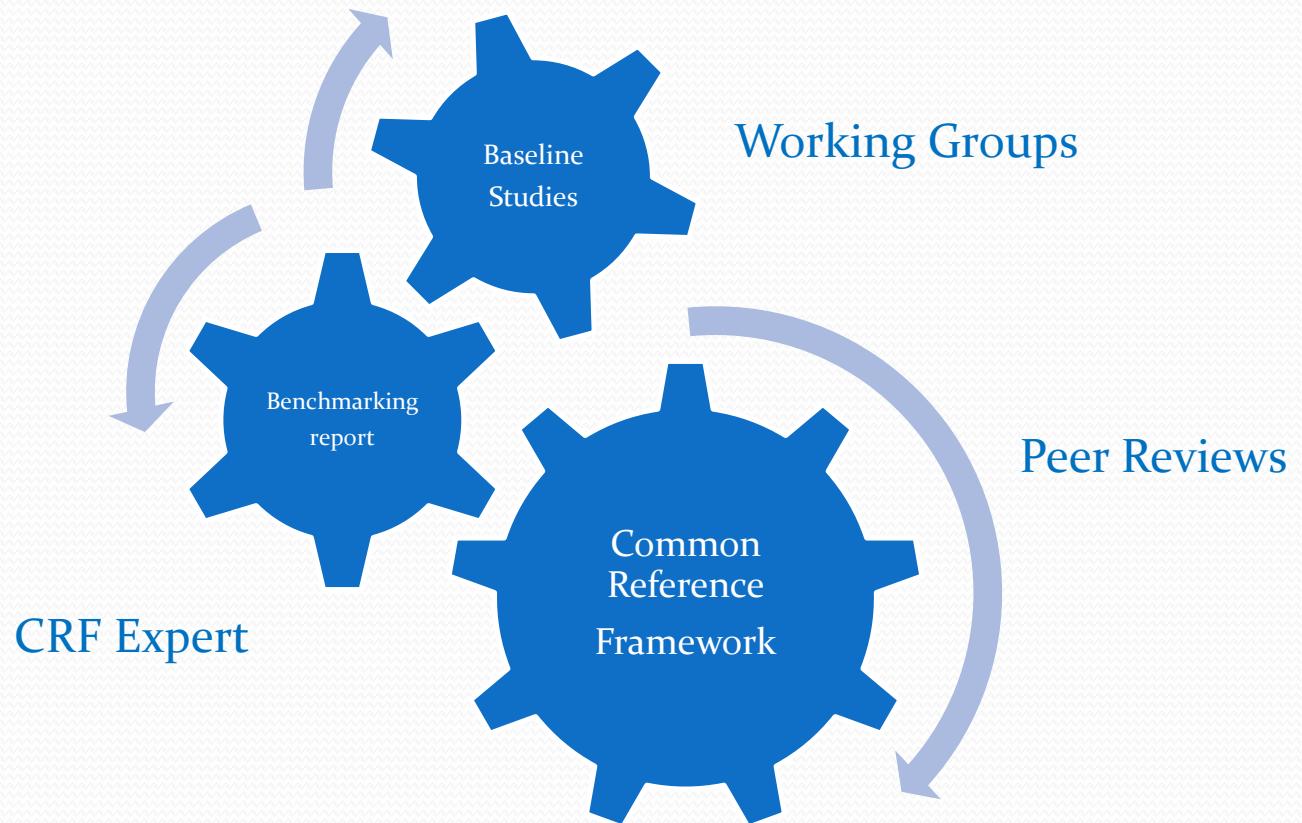


Deliverables

- Baseline Studies
- Benchmarking report
- Common Reference Framework
- Website (www.youthemploymentnet.eu)



Main Deliverables



Reviewers

Thematic Field: Entrepreneurship	Thematic Field: Mobility
Ms Nathalie Briessinck	Ms Susanne Ulrich
Mr Eddy Adams	Ms Carmen Gonzalo
Mr Constantinos Angelopoulos	Ms Katja Feldmer

Thematic Field: Educational and Vocational Counselling

Ms Georgia A. Koumoundourou

Mr Philippos Pattouras

Ms Neringa Miniotiene

Mr John Vinter Knudsen

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Recommendations for the next Programming Period

- ESF and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) should operate in a complementary manner for youth employability
- Operational Programmes for the new ESF Programming Period should exploit more the partnership principle. As many stakeholders as possible should be engaged in the design and development of youth employability programmes, especially young people.
- Promote learning mobility for young people with fewer opportunities as a support tool within the transnational ESF
- A common web-based database should be developed, which will provide updated and reliable information, with regards to Guidance, Mobility and Entrepreneurship programs and practices.

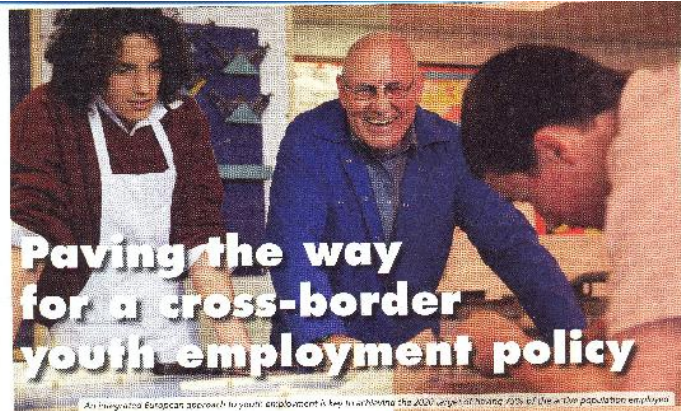


Dissemination

- Hungarian Presidency Conference on Youth Employment (Budapest, Hungary, 4-5 April 2011)
- Entrepreneurship Education Conference (Seinajoki, Finland, 19 - 20 January 2012)
- Dissemination Conference of ENYE (Larnaka, Cyprus, 3- 4 May 2012)
- ESF Learning Network Coordination Meeting and Exhibition (Belfast, Northern Ireland, 29- 30 May 2012)
- 5th International Conference on Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Regional Development (Sofia, Bulgaria 1-2 June 2012)



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A network involving eight EU Member States has put forward key recommendations

Since 2009, The European Social Fund has been paving the way for a transversal youth strategy involving policy makers and stakeholders at national, regional and local level. Together with the Republic of Cyprus, it has been co-funding a Youth Employment European Network which connects a sample of EU Member States: Cyprus, Belgium (the Flanders region), Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Spain and Sweden.

The aim of this mutual learning network is to mobilise authorities and organisations in what is more than ever a priority of the European Union: the fight against youth unemployment.

The Network has been tackling youth unemployment from three angles: entrepreneurship, education and vocational counselling, and mobility.

For each of these thematic areas, it has evaluated promising practices in the Member States involved and submitted them to a single, integrated benchmarking exercise.

On this basis, the Network produced in November 2011 a Common (European) Reference Framework for Youth Employment Policies, identifying key success factors and providing recommendations to policy makers:

- combine the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund;
- create partnerships involving as many stakeholders as possible, especially the young themselves, in designing employability programmes;
- combine different ways of building up young people's capacity to enter the labour market;

- upgrade career guidance services;

- create a common web-based database to provide reliable information on guidance, mobility and entrepreneurship programmes and practices;

- use the European Social Fund to give disadvantaged young people the opportunity to train abroad...

An integrated approach to youth employment, breaking the divide not only between EU Member States but also between different facets of this issue, is key to reaching the target the European Union has set itself for 2020: having 75% of its active population employed.

European Network on Youth Employment website:

<http://www.youthemploymentnet.eu>

Dissemination Conference Larnaka, Cyprus 3- 4 May 2012



Objectives

- i) to present the main findings and policy recommendations from the three thematic areas of the network
- ii) to assist policy makers in refining current policies, as well as plan for new, in the framework of EU's next programming period.

117 participants from 20 Member States



Goal!

to mobilize all stakeholders in what is more than ever a
priority of the European Union: **the fight against youth
unemployment!**



Thanks

We wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all involved partners, as well, of course, to the European Commission for its support and involvement.



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