

EQUAL COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING n°6 REFERRING TO THE TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION

In the year 2003, on April 8th (eighth), a meeting aimed at the transnational co-operation opens at 9,30 a.m. (half past nine in the morning). It takes place at the Memory Hotel, Borgarfjordsgatan 3-5, Box 1092, SE-164 25 Kista, Sweden. The DPs interested in the transnational co-operation are

* Kista Borough (Stadsdelsförvaltning 164 07 Kista, Sweden), for the Equal project *Kista Open Academy*, identification number: SE-11

and

* Promozione & Sviluppo m.c.m. s.r.l., Via Virgilio, n° 10, 97100 Ragusa – Italy, for the Equal project *Fenice*, identification number: IT-G-SIC-076.

The members who take part in the meeting are:

Organisation	Name	Function
KISTA BOROUGH - SWEDEN	Mr Rashid CHOWDHURY	Project Coordinator
	Ms Ebba TRÄSKELIN	Project Manager
PRO.SVI. - ITALY	Mr Mario ADAMO	Director
	Ms Giovannella INCARDONA	Consultant of the project
	Ms Nunziata ELIA	Interpreter

The meeting opens with a detailed description of the situation of the SMEs ruled by the immigrants and discusses what they do to facilitate their survival. That is why the Swedish partner quotes a legislative measure passed these latest years, on the part of associations of entrepreneurs that give such services, aimed at reducing of 20% or 30% the rents the enterprises have to pay for the buildings and at the management of the public funds which could be given both to the entrepreneurs and to those who would like to set up a new activity. As to the sunk capitals, only unemployed people can obtain sunk capitals, whose amounts and terms can vary every year: anyway it concerns a sum equal to three months' wage, that changes according to the municipality.

Unlike in Italy, where the Commerfidi has been created for the Confcommercio, in Sweden government associations grant the funds.

Then the partners analyse the relationship between public and private: the Swedish partner points out that ten years ago, when everything was controlled by the State, quality was not guaranteed, that is why the private field developed. Yet some sectors, such as the Health Service and the Transportations, are thought to be ruled by the public system.

According to the agenda, the members who take part in the meeting focus the attention on the Evaluation Committee, as it is foreseen by the TCA. So the Swedish partner will meet the people charged with the development of the activities once a week, while it will meet all the national partners once a month.

Ms Ebba Träskelin e Mr Rashid Chowdhury are the two members of the Swedish Steering Committee, while Mr Mario Adamo and Ms Giovannella Incardona are the two members of the Italian steering Committee.

As to the exchange visits the DPs establish that the Swedish partner should probably be in Italy on the last week of September or the first week of October 2003. The final task is:

a) to get in contact with the economic context where the SMEs work;

b) to awaken the entrepreneurs.

Other two meetings will take place in 2004, in Sweden – probably next Spring – and in Italy – probably next Autumn -.

As to the dissemination of the information concerning the projects, the Internet web site will be used. The web-sites should have the same structure and have a kind of log book which communicates all that is concerned with the transnational activity – including the minutes of the meetings, the future events and the documents produced -.

To conclude the Swedish partner will communicate the results of the research concerning the discrimination the workers have to face in Sweden, in order to encourage the development of a joint activity on this field.

As it is admitted that the items have been developed and discussed, the meeting closes at 12,30 p.m. (half past twelve in the afternoon)

The participants¹

¹ Herewith enclosed please find the participating cards, properly signed.