

Management Committee Meetings

January - September

Transmission and exchange of information

- E-Bulletin: published bi-monthly. The Technical Secretariat will be in charge of compiling and sending this Bulletin to Network members and to interested users (the Network Web page will offer the option of subscribing free of charge). Based on proposals tabled by the Management Committee at its January meeting, the Technical Secretariat will develop the structure of the Bulletin and commence publication in March.

Each State will be responsible for forwarding information and documentation deemed relevant for the rest of the Network members having to do with social actions undertaken within the framework of the Structural Funds, social inclusion policies and measures and anything else relating to the Roma population.

The Technical Secretariat will take charge of including Network-related information from the European Commission or from other States which are not Network members, from international organisations, etc. deemed relevant for Network members.

Special Bulletins may be published focusing on a specific topic in the event of relevant news or information.

- Web page: to be built in English although each Member State is free to translate it into its mother tongue. The Technical Secretariat will likewise take responsibility for developing a structure capable of clearly transmitting Network objectives and actions and will include sections such as agenda, news, links of interest, contacts, etc. It will be up and running by March and will be fed with information and news from the E-bulletin.

Mutual learning

Each of the Management Committee members will decide in which Working Group(s) they would initially like to participate and will subsequently appoint their respective representative(s). By mid-February the Technical Secretariat should have a complete list of the Working Groups. The first meeting of the Working Groups will be scheduled for March.

The Working Groups will propose actions for implementation over the short (1 year) and medium term (3 years).

Proposal of activities:

- Activity 1: Each Working Group will identify a best practice based on commonly established criteria and will organise a study visit for the purpose of learning more about and analysing this best practice. The Working Group will be given a period of time to come up with the criteria, identify the best practices and to select one on which to focus the study visit. This activity will be implemented over the short-term (i.e. within 2008) and may become an annual event.
- Activity 2: Each Working Group will select a subject around which to organise a transnational seminar targeting not only Network members but involving other players as well. The seminar may serve to disseminate the best practices identified by the Group or may focus on a different topic. This activity will likewise be implemented over the short-term (within 2008) and may become an annual event.
- Activity 3: Each Working Group will select a relevant topic on which to compile a practical recommendation and proposal document for which it may call on different outside experts who will initiate work in 2008. While commencing in 2008, this activity will be carried out over the middle-term.
- Activity 4: Each Working Group will identify an area on which a more thorough transnational study needs to be conducted and may put together a think-tank to design the methodology and tools needed to conduct a comparative analysis among the different Member States. While work will begin in 2008, this is also a middle-term activity.

The Working Groups will meet at least twice per year but their work will be ongoing through e-mail, on-line fora, etc.

Activities schedule 2008

Activities		1 st quarter	2 nd quarter	3 rd quarter	4 th quarter	
Management Committee meetings / Thematic conferences						
Transmission and exchange of information	E-Bulletin					
	Web page					
Mutual learning: Working Groups	Meetings					
	Activity 1:	Identification of a best practice		Preparation		
		Organisation of a study visit				
	Activity 2:	Selection of a seminar topic		Preparation		
		Organisation of a transnational seminar				
	Activity 3:	Selection of a topic for the recommendation and proposal document		Preparation		
		Commencement of work on the document				
	Activity 4:	Selection of a field of focus for the transnational study		Preparation		
		Commencement of work on the transnational study				