



Notes from the WP1- meeting in Panavesys 22/9 2005

Participants at the meeting were:

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Annamari Asikainen, Finland
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1. Opening with the presentation of participants.
2. The actual situation of building resource centres and network was reported.

Estonia: A competition between actors will take place in October 2005 with a decision after October 24th. The 5 towns are not decided yet. The first resource centre will open in December 2005.

Latvia: Resource-centres have been started in Jelgava, Valmiera, Preili, Bauska. A meeting-place has been started in Ventpils.

Lithuania: New resource centres have been started in Ignalina, Anucsiiai, Panavesys. Two old resource-centres have been upgraded: Kretinga, Silute.

Poland: Resource-Centres have been started in Marianowo, Debno, Lebork, Szczecin and the fifth will be started in Leba next month.

Finland: In Finland was a governmental investigation of the future of resource-centres in Finland launched in June. Resource-centres will be built in rural areas, but not as a part of the FEM-project. At November 7th, a founding meeting of the National Federation of resource-centres will be held.

Sweden: During the summer 2005 has a declaration of intentions been signed by the National Federation of women's resource-centres and the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth (Nutek). This declaration describes the importance of women in regional development to have highest possible economic growth. A more close cooperation between the resource-centres and the actors of regions will be the result. A DVD-film that describes resource-centres for women has started.

Norway: In Norway there are 3 development centres and about 150 meeting-places for women that participates in networking credit groups.

Criteria for resource centres must be set up to have a description of resource-centres for women in the BSR when the FEM-project ends. These criteria shall be worked out as soon as possible. In Sweden such criteria are eg that the centres have been accepted and anchored by regional and local authorities, that they cooperate with other actors in regional development.

3. Education in gender equality issues.

The education of resource-centre leaders and women in gender equality has started in the countries.

A documentation of this education must be done. Every country leader shall make such a description to add to the final document of the FEM. These documentation shall be discussed at next meeting.

4. Networking between rc:s.

The networking between resource-centres in the Baltic Sea Region includes Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in the former DDR . 23 women from the FEM-partnership visited August 21-25 Rostock and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, where 8 resource-centres now are working. In Sweden 3 different resource-centres have applied for project funds to raise the cooperation and networking with foreign resource-centres.

Annika Saanio informed that sister-groups between networking groups in Norway and Estonia have been started.

5. Qualifications of resource-centre leaders.

The criteria must be worked out together with the criteria of resource-centres.

The Swedish description of "functional education of resource-centre leaders " will be translated and distributed as example.

6. Possibilities of financing after the project time.

The possibilities to affect the text about Convergence in the description of the Structural Funds after 2007 shall be investigated. The WP1-responsible take contacts with country responsible persons for text in new structural – funds to check that the suggested text will not prohibit future financing from these EU-funds.

7. The meeting was closed

Notes at the meeting with responsible for resource centres in Poland in Leba, October 20.

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1. The history of the building up of resource-centres in Poland in the FEM.

1. Szczecin October 2004
2. Debno October 2004
3. Marianowo, November 2004
4. Lebork, June 2005
5. Leba , October 2005

Activities at the centres

Szczecin

Activities addressed to women entrepreneurs. Every Wednesday at 17.00 a meeting concerning different issues as taxes, financing etc. About 15 women participate at these events.

Possibilities for the women entrepreneurs to speak to lawyer. Women ask for education in computers and IT.

Debno

In Debno are two centres; one support-centre of women entrepreneurs, one resource-centre

Three groups of women that attend the centre; 1) starting info 2) entrepreneurs 3) retired women

Debno is situated close to the German border. Some women want to start entrepreneurship in Germany.

The resource-centre owes two computers and will buy more. Women ask for education in computers/IT.

Marionowo

3 organizations cooperate in women's issues in the area.

Have had a big meeting with 40 participants

Results of a questionnaire show that the most important questions are

- 1) unemployment
- 2) how to start an entrepreneurship
- 3) see how women in other countries work

The women ask for education in computer and IT

8 different areas around Marionowo, one representant from each area make a steering group.

Lebork

Cooperates with unemployment services.

Must have a bigger room. Education in computers and IT asked for.

Leba

100 women have been invited to the big meeting 21/10. About 50 participated.

A leaflet about resource centres has been made.

A questionnaire with questions about education level, age, interests have been delivered and answered at the meeting.

Two groups with women ; one with entrepreneurs, one with unemployed women

Arrange a work-shop about computer knowledge and how to apply for jobs. The centre is at the library and 8 computers in the library are available except for the two in the centre.

2. Steering groups

All centres except the Szczecin centre are integrated in the municipalities. Project groups in the different partners make the descisions. The Szczecin centre is a NGO.

3. Education of resource centre leaders in gender equality

According to the project plan education of women and especially resource centre leaders shall be made. Only in Szczecin had such education taken place.

Gender equality can be a delicate issue in Poland. But the demands from the EU are rather high in this issues.

Estonia dec 2005

The actual situation:

Tartu – location in connection with Estonian Agricultural University.

Leader is selected – Lille Reissaar

Rapla – location in Rapla County Government building in connection with Raplamaa Business Development Centre.
Leader is Anneli Bauvald.

Võru – location in Võru County Government building in connection with Võrumaa Development Agency.
Leader is Ülle Puustusmaa.

Pärnu – location in connection with Pärnu Farmers Advise Center.
Leader is Liivi Pihlasalu.

With fifth RC negotiation is going on. Location in **Jõhvi** with connection Ida- Virumaa Agricultural Advise Center and leader will be Maie Saar.

The first two centres we are planned open with infodays and workshops in January.
The RC in Võru and Pärnu will open in spring 2006 and Jõhvi in the autumn 2006.

Education of resource centre leaders in gender equality planned to begin with ENUT(The Estonian Women´s Studies and Resource Centre) and Estonian Open Society Institute in January.

2 seminars of resource centre leaders with other WP come about mentoring(09.12.-10.12.05 in Pärnu) and microcredit (31.11- 01.12.05 in Viljandi).

Seminar about gender equality to people in local municipalities take place 1of December in Tallinn (organized by Gender Equality Department ,Ministry of Social Affairs of Estonia with German Embassy, Association of Estonian Cities and Association Municipalities of Estonia).

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