



Notes from the WP1- meeting in Oslo 21/3 2006

Participants at the meeting were:

Inge Lepp, representative from Estonia
Lille Reissaar, Tartu Estonia
Anneli Bauvald, Rapla Estonia
Ulle Puustusmaa Võru Estonia
Maie Paas, Jõhvi Estonia
Maiga Kruzmetra, Latvia
Orinta Minaulgaite, Lithuania
Anna Difort-Dura Szczecin Poland
Lisbeth Holmquist-Arbrandt, Sweden
Annika Saanio, Norway

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

Estonia: Three rc:s have been started; in Võru 14/2 2006, in Tartu 15/2 2006, Rapla 8/3 2006. In Pärnu and Jõhvi the centres will be started in September 2006.

Outside the FEM-project EEN and European Social funds will start 4 other women's resource centres in Tallinn and at Saaremaa.

Latvia:

Resource-centres have been started in Jelgava, that will be the coordinating one in Latvia. In Latgale : Preiļi, with another centre to be started in Ludza. In Zemgale region; Bauska. Vidzemes regional rc have been in Valmiera. This place will change to Cēsis. In Kurzeme the 6:th one will open soon. A meeting-place has been started in Ventpils.

Lithuania: New resource centres have been started in Ignalina, Anucšiai, Panavėsys. Two old resource-centres have been upgraded: Kretinga, Silutė.

Poland: Resource-Centres have been started in Marianowo, Debno, Lebork, Szczecin and in Leba.

3. The organization of rc:s .

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.

Different types of organization of rc:s exists. The two most common are as NGO:s or inside the municipality. According to these different types the ways of how to steering the activities must be decided.

Latvia.

The resource centres will be organized as NGO:s. No location inside municipalities. The steering of the activities inside the rc is made by the advisers´group. In Preili the rooms are rented in the NGO: s centre. They have advisory groups under Ministry of Agriculture.

Valmiera centre will be changed to Cesis. Rooms will be rent in a private consultancy centre.

Jelgava centre is at the University of Agriculture

Estonia

In Tartu the rc is localized in the European Science Agricultural centre.

In Võru and Rapla (Femnet-centres) the rc:s are at County Development Centres

In Pärnu and Jõhvi the rc:s will be localized at Farmers´unions advisory centres.

All centres have chosen leaders even if they have not started yet. The way to organize is not decided yet.

Lithuania

All centres have chosen leaders, most of them are not communicating in English.

Poland

In Szczecin the rc is a NGO located close to the University. The steering of the activities are made by the women that are involved in the activities and who know the application.

The other 4 rc:s are located and administered inside the municipalities. The activities are decided from the women that take part as advicers etc. The rc:s are located in rooms in the municipalities. In Marionowo , a special association is built for the FEM-centre. In Lebork the centre works close to the Labour office that is working with unemployed people.

Norway

In Norway there are Advisory centre in Telemark with the leader Tone Allum. This centre is financed by Labour office and the Municipality. This office has had activities in 3 years.

The network credit groups in each county will start associations. At the end of FEM-project all of them has started. They will have their own steering committee to decide the activities.

The conclusion of the discussions are that the criterias for how to organize the rc:s and how to steer the activities must be clarified.

4. Networking between rc:s.

The networking between the resource centres in the Baltic Sea region is one of the main goals in the wp1-activities.

To start this network a newsletter will be produced once a month from April 2006. The topics to discuss will be common experiences and problems.

Responsible for the sending out is Lisbeth Holmquist-Arbrandt. Every country responsible person send the material to her.

There are problems of understanding English by some of the rc-leaders. The conclusion of this discussion was that in Latvia, Lithuania and Poland some leaders are not understanding English at the moment. Orinta and Maiga take response of this problem and make translations if they are needed. In Poland Anna must discuss with Joanna Kolesnik.

5. Contact centres for internationalization of women´s entrepreneurship.

During the WP5 meeting at Sunday 19/3 the recommendation was that the resource centres shall be the noodles of contacts.

To start this will a list of resource centres/ contact persons be made very soon:

These contactcentres/persons are:

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6. Internationalization of businesses

The possibilities to get help from the Chambers of Commerce were discussed. The experiences from Poland and Estonia have shown that the costs are rather low to have advices.

A list of fairs in different countries shall be produced as soon as possible.

Conclusions: Contacts with Chambers of Commerce will be taken and a list of fairs in each country . Lisbeth is responsible for the lists.

7. Meetings/education for wrc-leaders.

A meeting is planned in Ida-Võru county in east Estonia April 21-22. To this meeting will the rc-leaders in Estonia and Latvia participate.

A special Lithuanian meeting will be arranged in April/May with Britt-Marie Torstensson and Lisbeth as participants.

A special Polish meeting will be arranged in May for the rc-leaders. Lisbeth will participate.

8. Action and strategy plan for the resource centres in the Baltic Sea region shall be a final document in the FEM-project.

Lisbeth has written some background from material from the Winnet-project. The strategy shall include activities at the centres. Draft documents will be sent out to country responsible women before next Wp1 meeting.

Maiga Kruzmetra has made an excellent document about the building up in Latvia, which will be a important part for the action plan.

Lisbeth Holmquist-Arbrandt