



# **SRN Network Steering Group Barcelona**

## **Early Findings Report**

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# 1 Introduction: Background to the project

**Need for more information from Network Partners**

**Need to ensure that existing published information is correct**

**For the Good Practice Guide - need a more detailed understanding of what each partner is doing**

## 2 Issues in the sub-regional management & delivery of Structural Funds (1)

- Competence & capacity
- Structural Funds 2007-13 & decentralisation principles
- Vertical & horizontal partnership working
- Strategic investment, but meeting local needs
- The urban & rural agenda

## 2 Issues in the sub-regional management & delivery of Structural Funds (2)

- Competitiveness & Sustainability agenda
- Innovative & effective delivery
- Programme performance
- Quality of projects

## 3 Evidence from SRN Partners (1)

- Diversity
- Programme management & delivery
- Local Action Plans & sub-regional strategies
- Delivery mechanisms
- Project selection processes

### 3 Evidence from SRN Partners (2)

- Support to project development & delivery
- Complementarity – Structural Funds & domestic regeneration programmes
- Management of funds from a range of sources
- Partnership structures & relationships
- Added value of SF programmes in sub-regions

## Mid Term Interim Conclusions

- Most appropriate level of sub-regional decentralisation needs to be identified
- Benefits of localised delivery need to be highlighted
- Good practice models of sub-regional delivery need to be identified

## 4 The Next Steps

### A focus on Good Practice

- Management & delivery of both SFs & domestic regeneration programmes
- Sub-regional involvement in programme management
- Sub-regional involvement in development & management of projects
- A continuum from devolved management to single project implementation ?

**Staying in touch with the EU programmes 2007-13**

## Some issues :

- Emerging strengths & weaknesses of sub-regional delivery
- Need to be consistent in how we define “delivery”
- What do Network Partners want to achieve in terms of Structural Funds and regeneration programme management & delivery ?