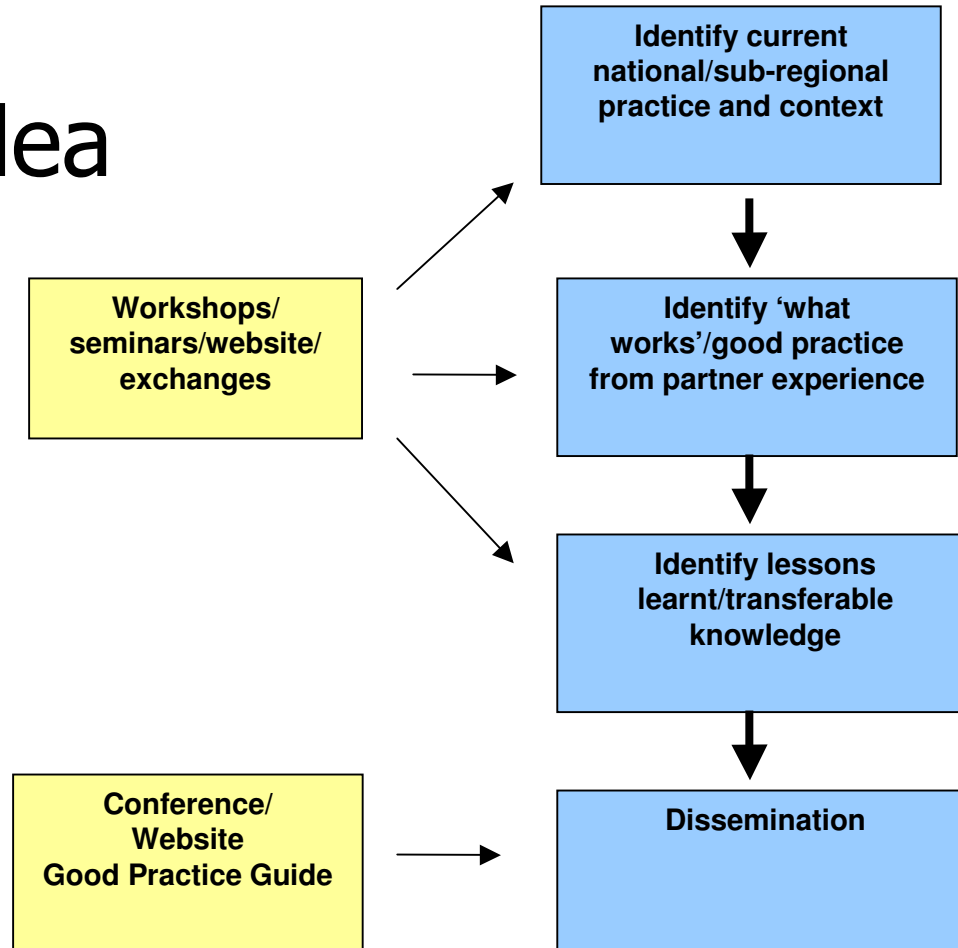


# **SRN Network Steering Group Barcelona**

**Identifying good practice – organising  
our work around themes**

# The Project Idea

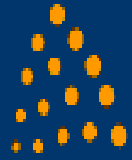


## **Why focus on themes ?**

- **Show what sub-regional organisations do best**
- **Easier for partners to organise their information**
- **Everyone can contribute something**
- **More detailed & informal discussion – a real exchange of experience will help to build capacity**
- **Build on information collected in first stage of the project, fill gaps**
- **Work on topics that will be important 2007-13**

## **Some themes from first stage that may need more work :**

- **Involvement of sub-regional organisations in monitoring & evaluation of projects & programmes**
- **Different funding programmes provide different opportunities for sub-regional bodies to get involved in management & delivery**
- **Sub-regional bodies can use several different funds in a complementary way**
- **How sub-regional and regional organisations work together on management & delivery of funding programmes**



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## **Themes based on EU proposals for future Structural Funds :**

- **Concentrate on the most disadvantaged areas**
- **Only support high quality projects – so how to achieve them ?**
- **Focus on Lisbon & Gothenburg policy agendas**
- **Extend stakeholder partnerships & closeness to citizens**
- **More territorial cooperation**

## **Some other ideas :**

- **Are there different challenges & opportunities in delivering Structural Funds & regeneration programmes in different types of place – urban, city-region, rural etc ?**
- **How can sub-regional organisations encourage innovation and sometimes fund projects which may be risky ?**
- **Can partners suggest other themes ??**

## **Way of working :**

- **At the next 3 SRN meetings (Klaipeda, Turku/Tampere, Monferrato) hold informal workshops on 2 themes (maximum 3)**
- **1 partner (or 2 working as a team) to lead preparation work on each theme, but all partners must provide some relevant information before, during – and maybe after – the workshop**
- **Host partner could organise a field visit or invite local participants in line with the workshop theme**

6 questions were sent to partners in February  
– only 4 replied

- Agreed that organising work around themes is a good idea – helpful for the Good Practice Guide
- Advice not to choose too many topics – better to work on a few in depth
- Agreed that partners need to do some work between meetings
- Some worries about how to organise and run the workshops – who does what ?

## **Priority themes identified by 4 partners :**

- Using different funds
- Monitoring & evaluation
- Structural Funds in different places (urban/rural)
- Delivering high quality projects
- Partnership with stakeholders, citizens
- Focus on disadvantaged communities

## Maybe less important ?

- Regions & sub-regions working together
- Innovation/attitudes to risk
- Delivering projects in line with Lisbon & Gothenburg agendas
- Preparing for Territorial Cooperation

## **We need to decide today :**

- How many themes to work on ?
- Which themes ?
- Do we need to give more time to the topics we will start to discuss today (monitoring & evaluation, use of different funds) ?
- Which themes at which meetings ?
- Which partner(s) to lead each chosen theme?

# Example

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Support</b>
Klaipeda	SFs in city regions	Tampere	Hranice
	SFs in rural areas	Cumbria	Modena
	Focus on deprived areas	Klaipeda	Lille

# Example

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Support</b>
Turku/Tampere	High quality projects	Turku	Barcelona
	Stakeholder & citizens	Santa Cruz	SVIM
Monferrato	Lisbon/Gotenburg	Langhe MR	Bristol
	Territorial coop.	Lille	Cumbria

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Support</b>
KLAIPEDA	Territorial dimension	Urban: RURAL:Cum. ETC:Klaipeda	Lille
TURKU/ TAMPERE	Regions and subregions	Turku	Modena
	Stakeholders and citizens	Monferrato	Hranice
	Using different	Tampere	Tenerife

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Suppo</b>
MONFERR ATO	Quality projects		
	Lisbon and Gothenburg		
ANCONA	Transferability		