



SRN WORKSHOP BARCELONA 20th April 2006

Session 4 - Sub-regional organisations in different funding programmes

Aims of this workshop

The SRN partners are not just sharing experience on one funding programme. Between them they have experience of a range of different EU and domestic funding streams. It is essential for the Partnership to identify and agree which EU programmes are most important in relation to the involvement of sub regional organisations.

The Early Findings Report pointed out that:

- the opportunities for sub-regional organisations to be involved in programme management and delivery are different from programme to programme;
- one of the strengths sub-regional organisations may be that they can use a range of different funds – both EU and domestic – in a complementary way to help deliver local, sub-regional or regional policy goals.

This informal workshop will explore these two aspects of funding in more detail.

Preparation for this workshop

It is essential for ALL Network Partners to provide the following minimum information to the Network Expert before this Workshop Session :

1. Please clarify the information collected earlier in the project, by confirming:
 - The EU and domestic regeneration programmes for which your region is eligible.
 - The EU and domestic regeneration programmes which your organisation is directly involved in managing or delivering
2. Which of the current EU programmes have offered your organisation most scope for involvement in programme management and delivery ? Which programmes have benefited your local or sub regional area most ?

3. Which of the EU and domestic funds available to your organisation and sub region are easiest to manage and deliver in a complementary way ? Explain what arrangements are in place to ensure that coordinated spending is achieved.

4. Which of the 2007-2013 EU funds, including the new Structural Funds Objectives, seem likely to offer the greatest scope for decentralised management and delivery?

Please send this information to lizmills@ukgateway.net as soon as possible, and by **Friday 7th April** at the latest.

Outputs of this workshop

1. A ranking of the current EU programmes according to the practical opportunities they have offered for involvement of sub-regional organisations in programme management and delivery.
2. Identification of what it is about the different EU programmes that have made it either possible or difficult for sub-regional organisations to participate.
3. Lessons to inform the new National Strategic Reference Frameworks and Operational Programmes on what factors are positive and what are barriers for sub-regional involvement.
4. A comment on which EU programmes have been most often used in a complementary way with domestic funding programmes to support local, sub-regional or regional policy goals.
5. At least one example from each SRN partner to demonstrate effective use of a range of different funds.