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DRAFT PROGRAMME

EARLALL Seminars, Committee of the Regions, Brussels, 27-28 March 2008

27 MARCH – SEMINAR – LIFELONG LEARNING & MOBILITY
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The aims of this seminar are to:

- address the issues faced by several regions in relation to mobility practices for apprentices, vocational educational training (VET) and teachers and managers;
- look at ways to improve and facilitate the mobility between European regions in the future

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13:00 Registration and Coffee

13:30 Welcome - Kent Johansson, EARLALL President

13:35 Presentation EDUC's work programme and priorities - Gerd Harms, EDUC President.

14:00 Introduction to Mobility – Kent Johansson, EARLALL President & Gianfranco Simoncini, Minister for Employment and Education, Regione Toscana

14:30 Regional Mobility Practices

1. Apprentices
2. VET
3. Teachers and Manager Mobility in the public sector

15:30 Coffee

15:45 Increasing inter-regional cooperation in the field of mobility

1. European Policy for Mobility - European Commission
2. Proposal for Chart of interregional mobility, bilateral agreements, quality standard and common tools - Giacomo Gambino, General Director of Education, training and Labour Policies, Regione Toscana and Xavier Farriols, Subdirector General, Department of Education, Generalitat de Catalunya.

17.30 Conclusions

Afternoon/Evening: Cocktails (CoR)

28 MARCH – SEMINAR – ESF ACROSS BORDERS: ENGAGING THE REGIONS
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The aims of the seminar are to:

- map common themes, priorities and activities within the European Social Fund operational programmes (both member states and regions, as appropriate) with the aim of identifying the most fruitful subject areas for trans-regional cooperation;
- present the tools that are being developed by some EARLALL member regions and non-EARLALL regions to deliver trans-national working using ESF;
- discuss practical ideas that could facilitate collaboration

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Chair: Gren Jackson, Employability and Skills Division, Welsh Assembly Government

09:00 Coffee and registration

09:30 Introduction to ESF and the Regions:
Kent Johansson - President of EARLALL
Desmond Clifford - Welsh Assembly Government EU office

9.45 European Commission support for the inter-regional dimension of ESF -
Gerhard Braeunling, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and
Equal Opportunities, European Commission

10:15 The trans-national and inter-regional dimension of ESF - how to connect projects
and ESF actors all over Europe - Johannes Wikman, Swedish ESF Council

10.45 Question and Answer session

11:00 Coffee

11.30 Panel: Examples of regional plans for using ESF for inter-regional co-operation

13.15 Concluding remarks: Challenges ahead and possible ways forward -
Grenville Jackson

13.30 Lunch and project marketplace

14.15 Project marketplace continued

15.30 End
