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PROGRAMME

EARLALL Seminars, Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 101, 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 education and training (VET);
- 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**, Chair EDUC, Committee of the Regions

13:50 Introduction to Mobility – **Gianfranco Simoncini**, Minister for Employment and Education, Regione Toscana

14:10 Regional Mobility Practices

- Apprentices - **Myriam Olivier-Poulain**, Director of Training, Conseil Régional Rhône-Alpes.
- VET (Vocational Education and Training) - **Miquel Mestre**, General Director Professional Education and Training, Govern de les Illes Balears

15:00 Mobility and Multilingualism – **Roberto Pella**, EDUC

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

1. European Policy for Mobility – **Ute Haller-Block**, Deputy Head of Unit - Professional Training; "Leonardo da Vinci", DG Education and Culture

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.

16.45 Conclusions - **Kent Johansson**, EARLALL President

Afternoon/Evening: Cocktails (CoR)

**28 MARCH –
ESF ACROSS BORDERS: ENGAGING THE REGIONS**

The aims of this 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: Grenville Jackson, Employability and Skills Division, Welsh Assembly Government

08:30 Coffee and registration

09:00 Introduction to ESF and the Regions
Kent Johansson - President of EARLALL
Desmond Clifford - Welsh Assembly Government EU office

09:30 European Commission support for the inter-regional dimension of ESF -
Gerhard Braeunling, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission

09:55 ESF CO.Net, “Co-operation of ESF Managing Authorities, their Intermediate Bodies and Central Authorities” - **Anna Maria Gadotti**, Provincia Autonoma di Trento

10:05 Question and Answer session

10:15 Coffee

10:30 **PANEL:** Examples of regional plans for using ESF for inter-regional co-operation

Speaker	Region	Member State
Louis Vervloet	Director of Programme Management, Managing Authority, Government of Flanders	Belgium
Giacomo Gambino	Director General of the Department of Education, Training and Labour Policies, Tuscany	Italy

Malgorzata Lacka-Matusiewicz	Director of ESF Department Silesian Marshal Office	Poland
Joan Miquel Piqué	Deputy General Manager Public Employment Service, Generalitat de Catalunya	Spain
Louise Stiernström	Coordinator in the Regional ESF unit in Västra Götaland and Halland	Sweden
Neil Thomas	Head of European and International Division, Welsh Assembly Government	UK

12:00 **LUNCH**

13:30 The trans-national and inter-regional dimension of ESF - how to connect projects and ESF actors all over Europe - **Johannes Wikman**, Swedish ESF Council

14.00 Concluding remarks: Challenges ahead and possible ways forward - **Grenville Jackson**, Employability and Skills Division, Welsh Assembly Government

14.15 **PROJECT MARKETPLACE:**

Wales (UK)	Roots to Success: A 'United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child' based Well-being & Personal Effectiveness Programme
Ustecky region (Czech Republic)	Education of key participants in the process of the planning of social services development
Region Västra Götaland (Sweden)	International Section in Natural resource programme at upper secondary agriculture schools
Wales (UK)	Transnational Recognition of learning for migrant workers in the Care, Hospitality and Tourism and Construction Industries
Provincia Livorno Sviluppo (IT)	The Knowledge Based Coast
Wales (UK)	Wales Vocational Education and Training (VET) Mobility Programme

15.30 End
