



Plenary meeting of Committee 2

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Main Activities 2008 – by theme

Demographic Change

- Publication of the ALIVE partners report on demographic change in the regions: the regional reality of demographic change and future trends.
- Launch a reflection process: how do we respond to demographic change? What do we want from the EU, especially in terms of funding programmes post-2013?
- Help regions to develop initiatives and policies to respond to demographic challenges, with an emphasis on family life (child and elderly care).

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- Establish the regions as a key partner to developing and implementing e-health across Europe.
- Encourage cooperation between the regions- disseminate region's initiatives
- Contribution to the Ehealth Minsiterial Conference Spring 2008 and the 2008 World of IT Health Conference
- Promoting cross-border ehealth interoperability – participation to an EU-wide thematic network
- Develop partnerships with the private sector and facilitate the contact between “supply and demand” for ehealth tools.

Emergency Planning:

- Launch training sessions: 1st session of “Crisis Communciation”
- Launch a database on the AER website for dissemination of best practice
- Create a network of experts on specific aspects or risk prevention and management, who will be at the disposal of member regions

Gender Equality

- Contribute the gender perspective to the response to demographic change/ what is the future model of society and what is the perceived/expected role of women therein?
- Observatory for Migrant Women: increase partner base for the Observatory and launch the database

Preventing Alcohol-Related Harm

- Peer reviews on alcohol & youth and alcohol & pregnancy
- Building partnerships: encourage cooperation between all relevant stakeholders for the implementation of successful policy, with a special emphasis on working with municipalities

Health & Social Services of General Interest

- Contribute to the development of an EU framework for health and social services of general interest

Timetable of upcoming events

Date	Activity	Venue
6-7 March 2008	Preventing Intimate Partner Violence- A Public Health Approach Final Conference of the EC Daphne-funded project http://www.preventabuse.eu/news/index.php	Värmland (S)
10-11 March 2008	Eurisy Seminar, in cooperation with the AER Emergency Planning Network "Emergency Planning & Citizens' Security: Optimise local and regional action and response through integrated use of Satellite Technology"	Sinaia (RO)
3-5 April 2008	European Alcohol Policy Conference "Building Capacity for Action" Workshop to be organised by the Alcohol Network http://www.dss3a.com/btg/index.html	Barcelona (Catalunya, E)
Spring 2008	Working meeting of the AER Gender Equality Network and 1 st meeting of the Steering Committee of the AER Observatory for Migrant Women	Brussels (B)
May 2008	Emergency Planning Training Seminar "Crisis Communication" In cooperation with the Mid-Sweden University in Crisis Communication	Sandoe Island (Västernorrland, S)
End May/early June 2008	AER Committee 2 Plenary Session and conference: "Demographic challenges for the Regions: understanding the reality of the problem and responding"	Umeå (Västerbotten, S)
2008	Seminar on e-health	St. Gallen (CH)
2 nd half 2008 (date tbc)	Committee Plenary Session & Conference	Venue tbc
Autumn 2008 (date tbc)	8 th Annual Gender Equality Conference	Venue tbc

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