



Equal Opportunities for Ethnic Minorities

**Seminar organised by the AER Committee "Social Policy & Public Health"
Pécs, Baranya (H), 29th March 2007**

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

version 19th March 2007

Aims & Objectives:

This seminar is addressed to Regional politicians, civil servants and experts working on issues linked to the integration of ethnic minorities.

This seminar aims:

- To raise awareness among the regions of the issues surrounding the integration of ethnic minorities
- To share the regions' experience and best practice in integrating ethnic minorities
- To encourage the Regions to commit to the integration of ethnic minorities
- To contribute to 2007- EU Year of Equal Opportunities by highlighting the regional dimension to equal opportunities

A declaration will be adopted at the conclusion of this event, committing the signatory regions to the integration of ethnic minorities within their territories and within the work of the AER.

Themes to be explored:

The seminar will explore the following issues around the integration of ethnic minorities:

- Integration into Political life: ethnic minorities represented with regional governments
- The Media: Promoting media diversity and representation of ethnic minorities within the media
- Economic life: Employment Opportunities for ethnic minorities and the potential offered by micro-credit schemes
- Education: teaching the value of diversity and mutual understanding
- Housing: developing inclusive housing policies

Further Information & Registration:

Further information and details on how to register will be published shortly on the AER website. Please contact the Committee Secretariat should you require anything further (Claudia Meschede, Assistant to the AER "Social Policy & Public Health" Committee: c.meschede@a-e-r.org; fax: +33 69 20 13 15)



EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ETHNIC MINORITIES: THE REGIONS' ROLE SEMINAR PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Thursday, 29th March 2007

- 08.30** Opening of the seminar and welcome
Dr. János Hargitai, President of Baranya County Council
Péter Tasnádi, Mayor of the City of Pécs
Constantin Ostaficiuc, President of the Social Policy & Public Health Committee,
President of Timis County Council (RO)
- 09.00** The Hungarian experience
Edit Rauh, State Secretary, Ministry for Social Affairs and Labour (H)
- 09.30** The Gender Perspective
Michèle Sabban, AER Vice-President and Chairperson of the AER Equal Opportunities
working group, Vice-President of Ile-de-France (F)
- 10.00 Coffee Break**
- 10.15** Ethnic minorities and the media
Sadie Clifford, Cardiff University
- 10.45** Integration through education: the work of the EUMC
Ioannis N. Dimitrakopoulos, Head of Unit Research & Data Collection, European Centre
on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC)
- 11.15** Strategies against social exclusion - Some German experiences with area-based
programmes
Thomas Mirbach, Lawaetz-Stiftung, Hamburg (D)

Discussion

12.00 Lunch Break,

12.30 Press Conference &

Opening of the exhibition 'Segregated Colonie' by MEP Gábor Harangozó

13.00 Best practice examples

✓ **Employment**

✓ **Education & youth**

✓ **Inclusive housing policies**

Regions will present their policies and projects for integrating ethnic minorities in the above fields:

- **Teréz Kleisz**, University of Pécs, Poverty of Culture - Cultural poverty
- **Béla Pörös**, Baranya County, Hungarian Projects, example of Pécs. "Presentation of the study for the call of COR, cohesion, law for the minority and equal opportunities".
- **József Ignácz**, Mayor of Besence, Presentation of the 'Carefull Village' project
- **Judit Pongrácz, Csilla Bódi**, City of Pécs, Result of a successfully Interreg project in Pécs
- **Etelka Nagy**, City of Arad (Romania), Social project for the gypsies' integration in the city

Discussion

14.45 Adoption of the AER Declaration on the Inclusion of Ethnic Minorities

15.00 End of Seminar

15.15 Study visits: Onsite visits of social housing projects run by the host region Baranya (H)



PLENARY SESSION OF THE AER SOCIAL POLICY & PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE DRAFT AGENDA

09.00 Opening and welcome from the host region

- I. Adoption of the draft agenda
 - II. Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting
 - III. The structure of the new AER Committee 2
 - IV. AER contribution to the future of Health Services in Europe
 - V. AER contribution to the future European Health Strategy
 - VI. Europe's Social Reality: A Public Consultation
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10.30-10.45 Coffee Break

- VII. Update from the Equal opportunities working group
Michèle Sabban, Chairperson of the working group, (Ile-de-France, F)
 - VIII. Update from the DAPHNE-funded project "Preventing Interpersonal Violence between Intimate Partners"
Ulla HÖGLUND (Värmland, S)
 - IX. Update from the working group on the Prevention of Alcohol-Related Harm
Karin MERNELIUS (Jönköping, S)
 - X. Update from the ALIVE partners network
Sture ERIKSSON (Västerbotten, S)
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12.30-13.30 Lunch Break

- XI. Update from the E-health network
Agneta GRANSTRÖM, Chairperson of the network, (Norrbotten, S)
- XII. Update from the Emergency Planning network
- XIII. Contribution from the AER to Youth Team
- XIV. Date and Venue of the next Committee meeting
- XV. Any Other Business

15.00 Close of meeting

OVERALL PROGRAMME
AER “Social Policy & Public Health” Committee
Pécs, Baranya (HU)
28th – 30th March 2007

Wednesday, 28th March 2007

In the afternoon:

Arrival of Participants

Meeting of the AER working group: Preventing Alcohol-Related Harm / Part 1
A separate agenda is available for this meeting.

Thursday, 29th March 2007

08.30 – 15.00 AER Seminar: Equal Opportunities for Ethnic Minorities

15.15 Study visits organised by the host region of Baranya (HU)

15.30 – 17.30 Meeting of the AER working group: Preventing Alcohol-Related Harm/ Part 2
A separate agenda is available for this meeting.

15.30-17.30 Meeting of the ALIVE networks: promoting active ageing (*meeting to be confirmed*)

19.00 Official Dinner in Villány

Friday, 30th March 2007

09.00 – 15.00 Plenary Session of the AER “Social Policy & Public Health” Committee

15.00 – 17.00 Meeting of the e-health network

Saturday, 31st March 2007

Morning Guided City tour

