



**AER Social Policy & Public Health Committee  
Conference and Committee meetings  
Barcelona (Catalunya-E), 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
Outline  
Version 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 (from 9:00 to 18:00, including study visit)**

**Meeting of the Working Group on Equal Europe for People with Disabilities**  
Implementing the UN Convention article on accessibility in the regions

*Simultaneous interpretation available in English and Catalan*

A separate agenda is available at:

<http://www.aer.eu/en/events/health-social/2010/disabilitiesbarcelona.html>.

Please note that the meeting venue is: Departamento de Acción Social y Ciudadanía, Palau de Mar, Plaza Pau Vila 1, Barcelona.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

**AER Conference**  
**What does alcohol do to your region's society and economy?**  
**(And what can you do about it?)**

*Simultaneous interpretation available in English, French and Spanish/Catalan*

Meeting venue: Public Health Building – Department of Health, C/Roc Boronat, 81-95, Barcelona

**9.00 Opening and Welcome**

*Marina Geli, Regional Minister of Health, Government of Catalunya-E and host of the meeting*

*Lisbeth Ryderfjärd, County Commissioner (Jönköping-S) and Chairperson of the AER working group on Preventing alcohol-related harm*

**09.15 Setting the Context: The AER Alcohol Peer Reviews project-Presenting Regional Responses to Alcohol**

*Robert Uitto, County Commissioner, (Jämtland-S)*

*Karin Mernelius (Jönköping-S), Olov Oskarsson (Jämtland-S) and Aase Rennesund (Østfold-N) will present the outcomes of the AER project on preventing alcohol-related harm*

**10.00 Alcohol Policies: The Catalan Approach**

*Joan Colom, Director of the Programme on Substance Abuse, Department of Health, Government of Catalunya-E*

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10.30 -11.00 Coffee Break

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**11.00 The economic and social impact of alcohol-related harm on Europe**

Facts and figures on the social and economic cost of alcohol from a regional perspective  
*Dr Peter Anderson, International Public Health Consultant*

**11.45 Youth and drinking environments**

*Ann Hope, Trinity College (IRL)*  
*Olov Oskarsson, AER Youth Regional Network, (Jämtland-S)*

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**12.30 – 13.45 Lunch Break**

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**PARALLEL WORKSHOP SESSIONS**

**Workshop session 1** - Participants may choose between the following two workshops:

**1) PREVENTING ALCOHOL-RELATED HARM IN THE WORKPLACE**

(Simultaneous interpretation into 3 languages: English, French, Spanish/Catalan)

This session will outline the harm alcohol can do in the workplace (absenteeism, lost productivity etc) and will present policies that regions can implement to help remove alcohol from the workplace.

Best Practice of Alcohol Prevention at the Workplace – Results of the EU Project FASE

FASE investigates the impact of workplace policies and programmes implemented in order to reduce the harm done by alcohol to the economy. It identifies best practices to counter the negative effects of alcohol.

*Armin Koeppel, Deutsche Hauptstelle für Suchtfragen (DHS)-D*

The Catalan Workplace Prevention Plan

*Lidia Segura, Department of Health, Government of Catalunya-E*

An example of workplace best practice

*Montse Gomez, Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas*

**2) ALCOHOL AVAILABILITY AND MARKETING**

(Workshop available in English only)

Alcohol availability and marketing patterns can have a significant impact on the patterns of alcohol consumption. The key environmental factors that influence where, when, and how much people drink are numerous and range from the type of regulations, to the hours and day of sale through the communication strategies implemented by alcohol suppliers.

*Wim van Dalen, Director of the Dutch Institute for Alcohol Policy, (STAP-NL)*

*Aase Rennesund, Chairperson of the Public Health Committee and Knut-Johan Rognlien, Manager of the Public Health Programme, (Østfold-N)*

*Artur Schroers, Head of the Institute of Drug Prevention, Office of the Viennese Drug Coordinator, (Vienna-A)*

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**14.45 -15.15 Coffee break**


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**Workshop session 2** - Participants may choose between the following two workshops:

**1) FROM SCIENCE TO POLICY**

(Workshop available in English only)

*Chair: Antoni Gual*

Introduction to the Amphora project

Amphora created a European Alcohol Policy Research Alliance of internationally renowned alcohol policy researchers from a wide range of disciplines.

*Antoni Gual, Hospital Clínic de Barcelona (HCB)*

Gaps between science and policy in the alcohol field, and how Amphora will bridge those gaps

*Peter Anderson, Public Health Consultant*

Beyond alcohol policy: which other factors influence alcohol consumption in European citizens

*Silvia Matrai, Hospital Clínic de Barcelona, HCB (E)*

**2) THE ROLE OF THE HEALTH SECTOR: FROM BRIEF INTERVENTIONS IN PRIMARY HEALTHCARE TO TREATMENT**

(Simultaneous interpretation into 3 languages: English, French, Spanish/Catalan)

*Chair: Joan Colom*

The Contribution of Brief Interventions To Reducing Alcohol-related Harm

*Nick Heather, Northumbria University (UK)*

The Catalan Strategy on Implementing Early Identification and Brief Intervention in Primary Health Care

*Lidia Segura, Government of Catalunya (E)*

Alcohol In The Daily Primary Health Care Practice

*Antoni Duran, Alcohol Group of the Catalan Society of Family and Communitarian Medicine (E)*

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**16.15 How to Make It Happen: Building Partnerships For Prevention Policies**

This is an interactive session with a panel discussion that will respond to the question: what can regions do, back home, to implement policies and prevent alcohol-related harm? Our panel will consist of:

*Robert Uitto (Jämtland-S)*

*Dr Peter Anderson, International Public Health Consultant*

*Wim van Dalen, STAP (NL)*

*Ann Hope, Trinity College (IRL)*

*Karin Mernelius (Jönköping-S)*

**17.00 Conclusions & Close of Conference**

**20.00 Social Dinner**, kindly hosted by the Department of Public Health of Catalunya-E

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

**AER Social Policy and Public Health Committee (2) plenary session**

**9.00 Opening**

*Constantin Ostaficiuc, President of Timis County-RO and President of the AER Social Policy and Public Health Committee*

**I. Adoption of the draft agenda**

**Doc I for adoption – Draft Agenda**

**II. Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting**

Adoption of the minutes of the Committee 2 meeting in 's Hertogenbosch (Noord-Brabant, NL) on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

**Doc II for adoption – minutes of the 's Hertogenbosch meeting**

**III. Adoption of the conclusions of the conference on preventing alcohol-related harm**

Presentation of the outcomes of the conference of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010 and adoption of the main conclusions on regional actions to prevent alcohol-related harm (*outcomes to be drafted following the conclusion of the conference and presented by powerpoint*)

**Providing Regional Healthcare – the possibilities offered by Europe**

**IV. Regions and European Health**

What are the Upcoming priorities of the New Commission and the upcoming EU debates?

*Doc IV.1 for information – EC Work Programme for 2010*

*Doc IV.2 information – Annexes to the EC Work Programme 2010*

**V. Applying the European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation (EGTC) Instrument in health**

**VI. Using structural funds for health - Lessons Learned so far from the Euregio III project**

Jonathan Watson, Director, HealthclusterNet – lead partner of the Euregio III project

AER is partner to the Euregio III project that aims to help regions invest the funds allocated to health in the current spending period of the EU Structural funds and draw lessons about how regions can best attract and invest these funds. Further information on the Euregio III project is available at: [www.euregio3.eu](http://www.euregio3.eu)

**VII. Update on Consultations and Follow-up on EU Policy Developments**

Update from the AER Secretariat on recent EU policy developments and proposals for Committee 2 response

*Doc VII.1 for information – Europe 2020 Strategy (European Commission)*

*Doc VII.2 for information –AER response to the European Commission consultation on the EU2020 Strategy*

*Doc VII.3 for information – Committee 2 evaluation of the Europe 2020 Strategy*

**Doc VII.4 for adoption – Committee 2 mandate - Europe 2020**

## AER Committee 2 networks and Working Groups

### VIII. E-he@lth Network

Agneta Granström, Chairperson of the Network (Norrbotten-S)  
Presentation of the network's latest activities and upcoming priorities and events.

*Doc VIII. For information - Conclusions of the ALEC2010 Conference – Together To Make It Work!*

### IX. Equal Europe for Persons with Disabilities

The Promotion of Personal Autonomy for People with Disabilities in Catalonia  
Juan Luis Gil Leyva, Technical Coordinator on Disabilities in Catalonia (E) – *to be confirmed*

#### Update on the network's activities

Metin Genç, Chairperson of the Network (Istanbul-TR)  
Presentation of the outcomes of the network meeting on Accessibility of 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

*Doc IX. For information – A Regions' Handbook to Understanding and Implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities*

### X. Emergency Planning Network

Following the decision of the last plenary, Committee 2 will evaluate this network and determine how its work should continue.

*Doc X. For information - FLINKMAN project summary*

## Committee Matters

### XI. AER Elections – Call for Candidates

At the occasion of the fall Committee plenary meeting, members will be invited to vote for a Committee President and Vice-President.

The Secretariat will open the call for candidatures and inform members of the election procedure foreseen by the revised AER Statutes and Rules of Procedure.

*DOC XI. for information – procedure for presenting candidatures for Committee President and Vice-President*

## Regions' Corner

An opportunity for AER member regions to present their activities and proposals.  
If you are interested in presenting your ideas, please contact the AER Secretariat ([c.bullot@aer.eu](mailto:c.bullot@aer.eu))

### XII. Culture for Health – proposal from the Culture & Health working group of the AER Culture, Education & Youth Committee (3)

Robert Uitto, County Commissioner (Jämtland-S)

The Culture for Health working group of AER Committee 3 invites Committee 2 members to

1) FOR INFORMATION: join the working group and contribute their regions' activities in this area with the aim of organising a conference on this issue in Spring 2011

2) TO BE DECIDED: include the theme culture & health in the 2011 priorities and work programme of Committee 2

3) TO BE DECIDED: link a 2011 plenary meeting of AER Committees 2 & 3 and jointly organise a 1-day conference on culture for health.

*Doc XII.1 for information – Culture for Health contact list*

*Doc XII.2 for information – Culture for Health Workplan 2010*

*Doc XII.3 for information – Culture for Health Conference Description*

**Doc XII.4 for adoption - Issues for decision by the Committee 2 Plenary**

*Doc XII.5. for information - Committee 3 invitation - Culture for Health*

**XIII. General AER Information**

The AER Secretariat will provide information on the AER General Assembly and other events and priorities.

*Doc XIII.1 for information- Timetable of relevant external events*

*Doc XIII.2 for information – AER Funding Tracker – Progress programme*

**XIV. Date and Venue of the next meeting**

**XV. Any other business**

**16.00 Close of meeting**