



**“What’s new, Committee 2?”
Social Policy and Public Health
July 2009**

General

**Conference on "Innovation for Demographic Change" &
Comm 2 Plenary Session, 5-7 Oct. 2009, Noord-Brabant (NL)**

REGISTER NOW for the autumn 2009 Committee plenary session and the Conference on **“Innovation for Demographic Change”**, that will take place in 's-Hertogenbosch (Noord-Brabant, NL).

The conference (October 6th) will provide the regions with the opportunity to foster **social innovation** through new approaches, new strategies, concepts, ideas and organisations that meet social needs of all kinds. Based on the outcomes of our discussions, we will draft the **‘Roadmap for demographic change’**, the guidelines for our future work within the AER and in the regions.

Join our **Committee meeting on October 7th** to learn the latest from our networks, as well as about EU developments regarding health.

In the afternoon of the 7th October, the AER project on the prevention of alcohol-related harm will meet in order to evaluate the results of the project's peer reviews and to prepare the project's final Conference for Spring 2010 in Catalunya (E).

Full agenda, practical information and registration form are available at:

<http://www.aer.eu/fr/events/health-social/2009/innovationdemographicchange.html>

The AER Secretariat is currently drafting a background document on the innovative actions regions have undertaken to tackle demographic challenges. If you wish to contribute with your regional experience, please write to [st.com21@aer.eu](mailto:st.com21@ aer.eu). Should the information be available in your own language only, please send us an abstract in English or French!

Health

**EVENT: Regional Master Class: “Innovative Utilization of
Structural Funds in Europe”, 2-5 Sept. 2009, Budapest**

The Euregio III project, to which the AER is a Collaborating partner, will be holding its first **Regional Master Class Programme on Health investments in Structural Funds** on September 2nd-5th 2009 in Budapest. The main objective of this Master Class is to learn lessons from the 2000-2006 period to inform regions in the 2007-2013 period. Potential participants of the course are policy makers and decision makers on the national & regional level; health planners and more generally people who have an interest in health investment or health management.

For further information, please see the attachments to the email or contact Ms. Csilla Czimer (czimer@emk.sote.hu, +36 1 488 7604).

Deadline for applications is August 1st, 2009.

**Update: Cross-Border healthcare Directive remains under EU
Council’s debate**

European health ministers failed to reach an agreement on the proposed Directive on cross-border healthcare during a Council meeting on 8-9 June 2009. In response to concerns expressed by several member states, Commissioner for Health Androulla Vassiliou agreed to include Article 152 of the Treaty, referring to public health, in the legal basis, along with Article 95 (Internal Market), and to exclude long-term care from the scope of the Directive.

However, further discussions on many substantive issues, such as prior authorisation and the possible exclusion of some healthcare providers will continue under the Swedish Presidency. The full AER position on the European cross-border healthcare directive is available at:

<http://www.aer.eu/en/main-issues/health/cross-border-healthcare-services.html>

AER eHe@lth network meeting on Smart Care, 5 Oct. 2009, Noord-Brabant (NL)

This seminar of the AER eHe@lth network will look at how ICT can support **extended independent living at home**, making use of practical case studies from Brabant and other regions. We will also seek to exchange good practices in the field of **demand driven approach**. Focusing in particular on **Smart Care and ICT for health and independency**, you will have the opportunity to experience independent living through a study visit. REGISTER NOW!!! Further information available at: <http://www.aer.eu/fr/events/health-social/2009/smartcare.html>

Outcomes of the seminar on “Cross-border e-he@lth care” available online!

On June 10th 2009, the AER e-he@lth Network met in Trieste (Friuli Venezia Giulia – I) for a seminar on "Cross-border e-health care". Participants discussed the opportunities and challenges regions face when applying new technologies to health across regional and national borders in Europe. The presentations delivered during the meeting are now available online (don't forget to log in to access all of the documents): <http://www.aer.eu/events/health-social/2009/ehealth-fvg.html>

Equal Europe for People with Disabilities

1st Meeting of the Working Group on 21st September in Brussels

The AER Working Group on Equal Europe for People with Disabilities will meet on September 21st in Bruxelles-Capitale (B) for the first time, in order to develop a **common understanding of the four UN Convention articles** constituting the bases of our work. Participants will be asked to share their views and interpretations of the four articles. It will also be an opportunity for the working group to set up our work plan for the upcoming years. REGISTER NOW! More information and a draft agenda are available at: <http://www.aer.eu/en/events/health-social/2009/disabledbrussels.html>

Equal Opportunities between Women and Men

IXth AER Conference on Equal Opportunities between Women and Men, 15-16 Oct. 2009, Värmland (S)

This event, to be held in Karlstad (Värmland-S) is part of a series of conferences dedicated to the terrible plight, that of violence against women and the ways of fighting it. This particular conference will deal with domestic violence from a public health-related approach, with a special focus on prevention and treatment of perpetrators. Full agenda, practical information and registration form are available at:

<http://www.aer.eu/en/events/group-equal-opportunities/2009/ixth-aer-conference-on-equal-opportunities-between-women-and-men.html>

Please book your flight as soon as possible, as air transport to Karlstad is limited!

Dates for your Diary!

Date	Location	Event
2-5 September	Budapest (H)	Regional Master Class on the Innovative Utilization of Structural Funds in Europe (Euregio III project)
21 September	Bruxelles-Capitale (B)	1st Meeting of the Working Group on Equal Europe for People with Disabilities
5 October	Noord - Brabant (NL)	AER eHe@lth network meeting Smart Care
6-7 October	Noord - Brabant (NL)	Committee 2 Autumn plenary & seminar: Innovation for Demographic Change – Drafting an AER Roadmap for Demographic Change (EN, FR, E)
7 October	Noord - Brabant (NL)	Meeting of the AER project on the prevention of alcohol-related harm
15-16 October	Värmland (S)	IXth AER Conference on Equal Opportunities