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THE CONTRIBUTION OF CITIES AND REGIONS TO THE EUROPEAN YEAR OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

5 JUNE 2007, 2 P.M – 5 P.M., COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS, JDE 62



PROGRAMME

2pm Welcome speeches
Belinda Pyke, Director DG Employment and Social Affairs, European Commission
Harry Dijkma, Chair of the ECOS Commission of the Committee of the Regions

2.30pm How cities and regions contribute to Equal Opportunities for All

Marianna Farkas, RÉS Association for the Development of Local and Regional Labour Market, Debrecen, Hungary

Sara Kowalska-Bryl, Center for Disabilities, Poland

Romana Rotschopf., Gender Alp project; Land Salzburg, Austria

Anni Marjoram, Policy Adviser to the Mayor of London on Women issues., City of London,

3.45pm Discussion, animated by Peter Moore, rapporteur of the CoR on Equal Opportunities

4.45pm Coffee

The speakers and their projects:

Marianna Farkas, RÉŠ Association for the Development of Local and Regional Labour Market, Debrecen, Hungary, is in charge of transnational coordination of the "Second Chance" project within the EQUAL programme. She also coordinates international relations of RÉŠ Association, especially in connection with Youth programmes

The project presented by Ms Farkas is on "Alternative Labour Market Training of People at Disadvantage", which consists of training, psychosocial care and employment of disadvantaged young women. Its aim is to facilitate employability and labour market reintegration of young women to coincide with their family life.

Sara Kowalska-Bryl, Center for Disabilities, Poland, is a PhD student in literature, a teacher and translator and has been working in social projects for eight years, mainly dealing with administrative procedures.

The project presented by Ms Kowalska-Bryl is called "The House on the Estate" ("Dom Na Osiedlu"), and deals with fighting social exclusion of intellectually challenged children and young people. The objective is to enable their participation in all the aspects of life and prevent their separation from the society.

Romana Rotschopf, Gender Alp! project; Land Salzburg, Austria

Romana Rotschopf is Head of the Office for Women's Affairs and Gender Equality of Land Salzburg, the lead partner of GenderAlp!. Her team initiated the project GenderAlp! and co-ordinates the 12 partners of GenderAlp!.

The project "GenderAlp! Spatial Development for Women and Men" deals with two major aspects of regional development in the Alpine area: spatial planning and public budgets. Its goal is to activate the professional potential of women AND men, in order to increase the competitiveness of alpine regions.

Anni Marjoram, City of London

Anni Marjoram has campaigned for more representation of women in political and public life for nearly 20 years. She is currently the Policy Adviser on Women's Issues to the Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone.

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