



WILCO

Welfare innovations
at the local level
in favour of cohesion

Conclusions of the 2nd meeting 29-30 April, Barcelona

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1. INTRODUCTION

The goal of the 2nd WILCO-meeting was to discuss the outcome and harmonization of the country reports, as result of WP2, and to prepare the activities in WP3.

The meeting took place in Barcelona, 29-30. April, i.e. in month 5 of the project.

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3. AGENDA

Friday, 29 April

- 9.00 Welcome, introductions and overview
- 9.30 Administrative issues
- 10.00 WP2; key definitions: 'local', 'innovation'
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 WP3
- 18.00 Close of meeting
- 20.15 Dinner

Saturday, 30 April

- 9.00 WP3 (continued)
 - 10:30 Dissemination
 - 12.30 Next steps: 3rd meeting, homework
 - 13.00 Close of meeting
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4. CONCLUSIONS

Workpackage 2

1.1. Harmonization of the country reports

The first drafts of reports were discussed to make sure they all have the same level of detail, focus and stylistic format.

All teams check their reports for missing elements and bring them in to line with the stylistic requirements.

Revised reports will be uploaded by May 20.

They will subsequently be published on the website by EMES by 1 June.

1.2. Comparison:

In small groups, we applied a comparative analysis to the country reports, both for the comparative WP2 report and for work on future WP.

The Swedish / Dutch teams will draft the comparative report and tool by 27 May. Comments are invited by 3 June.

The final report will be uploaded by 15 June.

Definitions

In the meeting, we proposed the first broad working definitions of ‘local’ and ‘innovation’.

When defining ‘local’ these are dimensions to consider:

- Territory (geographical boundaries, city/suburb/neighbourhood)
- Function (local governance: levels of responsibility, mixed welfare systems, actors involved, multi-agency, partnerships, policy networks)
- Context (spatial manifestation of social exclusion, sense of history and traditions, e.g. local path-dependence promoting or restraining innovation)

When defining ‘innovation’ these are dimensions to consider:

- the ‘newness’ to the social setting, incl. values and schools of thought (difference between invention and innovation)
- the development or adoption of new ideas
- outside routines (organisational/social)
- may be both process or outcome
- aimed at producing a certain benefit

These working definitions will be further specified as we move deeper into the project.

Workpackage 3

The aim is to identify national backdrop of social inequality and exclusion patterns as to gender, age and migration in urban context.

This will involve the following activities:

1. Statistical analysis of Urban Audit Eurostat (POLIMI team)
2. A descriptive profile of two cities per country (all country teams)

3. In-depth analysis based on 36 individual semi-structured interviews per country, 18 per city, with vulnerable women, elderly, and migrants (all country teams)

A working document and a draft of the questionnaire were presented and discussed. The discussions taken during the meeting will be integrated in these texts. Teams send in their final comments and choice of cities to the POLIMI team.

The POLIMI team will distribute the revised documents by 15 May.

City reports should be uploaded by 15 September.

The interview document and excel sheet should be uploaded by 1 November.

Dissemination

The entire consortium restated the central role of dissemination within WILCO. EMES presented the Communication plan, including the Dissemination plan, including the work already completed in terms of visual identity, web site and materials. A more in-depth reflection was conducted at a subgroup level during the breakout sessions, which focused on the four audience groups identified in the stakeholders' analysis.

The Communication plan will be considered as a working document that can be updated as new information and new insight about the audiences, channels and tools, and evaluation criteria are received.

EMES will send ongoing reminders about upcoming deadlines to all members as they approach. Moreover, it will contact all partners every six months to receive updates on the progress made in terms of communication and dissemination (e.g. papers and presentations delivered and published).

Regarding exploitable foreground conventional IP protection schemes do not work well in the case of WILCO. Therefore workshops have to be organised very straightforward and within the time-window of opportunity from the moment the knowledge is packaged in a specific format (e.g. policy-makers training modules) and ready to disseminate. EMES and ERS will look into alternative ways of protecting the content of the workshops (e.g. creative commons). All partners are reminded to put a disclaimer on all publications/presentations, mentioning the funding by the European Commission.

Tasks:

Partners who have not done so are asked to send (1) their bios and (2) national English-speaking media contacts to EMES (by June 2011).

EMES will update the Communication Plan and upload it to the wiki workspace. EMES will prepare a presentation sheet, press release and leaflet (by July 2011).

Partners are asked to translate the press release into their own national language and disseminate it among their media contacts (by September 2011).

Partners are asked to translate the presentation sheet into their own language to share with their local stakeholders (by September 2011).

Partners are asked to begin considering potential participants from the two selected cities for the stakeholders meetings to be held in 2012.

Administrative issues

ERS presented the internal website, which all partners used already for the recent weeks.

It was decided to use the internal website:

1. as repository to exchange all internal documents (e.g. country reports, templates for reporting, reports etc.)
2. to share contact information that could be changed by the partners themselves
3. to store information about meetings
4. to be discussed: do the partners wish to use the website for shared drafting, or do they prefer exchanging documents, which were drafted separately?
5. ERS will check if it is possible to include a referencing tool.
6. Is there interest to set up a PhD platform on the internal platform?

ERS presented the template for the periodic review, again.

It was decided to make a test-run of the reporting in the period 1 July - 31 August.

Next meeting

At the next meeting, we will discuss the results of WP3 in preparation for the comparison, look forward to WP4 and develop our dissemination strategy in further detail.

It was decided to organise the next meeting in Berlin on 21-22 November 2011.