

Europe Workshop 6th December Urban Forum

As requested, here are some further contacts.

General European Union Website
europa.eu.int

DG Regio (Regional Policy)

http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional_policy/index_en.htm

European regional policy is a policy promoting solidarity. It allocates more than a third of the budget of the European Union to the reduction of the gaps in Development among the regions and disparities among the citizens in terms of well-being. The Union seeks to use the policy to help lagging regions to catch up, restructure declining industrial regions, diversify the economies of rural areas with declining agriculture and revitalise declining neighbourhoods in the cities. It sets job creation as its primary concern. In a word, it seeks to strengthen the economic, social and territorial 'cohesion' of the Union.

Document - Guidelines

http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional_policy/sources/docoffic/2007/osc/050706osc_en.pdf

Document - Third progress report on economic and social cohesion

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional_policy/sources/docoffic/official/reports/pdf/interim3/com\(2005\)192short_en.pdf](http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional_policy/sources/docoffic/official/reports/pdf/interim3/com(2005)192short_en.pdf)

DG Employ

http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/index_en.html

Document - UK National Action Plan on Social Inclusion 2003-05

europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/news/2001/jun/napincl_uk.pdf

Get Heard

<http://ukcap.org/getheard/>

Regional and sub regional organisations using Technical Assistance to support voluntary and community organisations in accessing European Funds

Merseyside Network for Europe

North West Network

ESFVON (North)

CEFET (East Midlands)

SAVAGE (South)

LVSTC (London)

Wales CVA

WMEN West Midlands

<http://www.esfvon.org.uk/> -- the other organisations have similar text--

For many voluntary and community organisations, the thought of applying for European Funding is a daunting task - but hundreds of projects in the North East of England benefit from this source of funding. More importantly, they help tens of thousands of people to enhance their training and employment prospects, and to contribute to the regeneration of their communities.

The specialist support which ESFVON provides free of charge for these organisations include a telephone help-line, regular information updates, individual consultations, assistance with project development, seminars, and support visits to ensure the effective management and operation of projects.

<http://www.cefet.org.uk/>

<http://www.savage-europe.org.uk/>

<http://www.lvstc.org.uk>

<http://www.wmeuronet.co.uk>

Other organisations

Social Platform

European Womens Lobby

Solidar

European Citizens Action Service

European Anti Poverty Network

www.socialplatform.org

The Platform of European Social NGOs

is the alliance of representative European federations and networks of non-governmental organisations active in the social sector. The Social Platform promotes social justice and participatory democracy by voicing the concerns of its member organisations.

<http://womenlobby.org>

the European Women's Lobby (EWL) is a non-governmental organisation that brings together over 4000 women's organisations across Europe. Our mission is to work together to achieve equality between women and men, to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women, to ensure that women's human rights are respected and to eradicate violence against women and finally, to make sure that gender equality is taken into consideration in all European Union policies.

<http://www.solidar.org>

SOLIDAR is an independent international alliance of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) who are involved in social service provision, international co-operation, humanitarian aid and life-long learning, and are historically linked to the free and democratic labour and trade union movement.

www.ecas.org

European Citizen Action Service - empowering civil society with the European Union.

www.eapn.org

EAPN is a representative network of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and groups involved in the fight against poverty and social exclusion in the Member States of the European Union.

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