



Sustainability Revamping Systems

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This is the first newsletter of the *Sustainability Revamping Systems*, network and on-line platform to promote participation in sustainable development processes.

The *Sustainability Revamping Systems*

- contribute to the evolution, dissemination and mainstreaming of methods and tools in sustainability policy and strategies
- favour networking, collaboration and partnership between partners and decision makers
- address commitments and requirements of projects carried out at European and local levels



SUSTAINABLE LIFE DEVELOPEMENT

The AWARDS (*Ageing Women workers Aimed at Renewing Development towards a Sustainable life*) project was carried out between 01/11/2005 and 31/10/2007 under the "Management of Demographic Change" sub-theme of the European Social Fund (ESF) Article 6 "Innovative Approaches to the Management of Change".

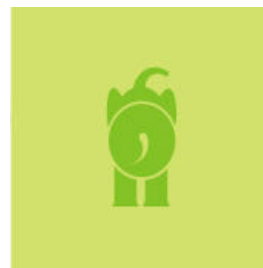
The project core team (six partner institutions in all from Spain, Italy and Poland) developed a five year Implementation Plan to ensure the continued development of methods, tools, outcomes and processes for Sustainable Life Development constructed during the project duration.

The AWARDS partners are committed to the implementation of this Plan which involves the relevant stakeholders in: Dissemination, Mainstreaming and Networking.

The project partners decided to create a flexible European network with an operational structure that takes into account:

- other existing networks
- the necessity for multi-dimensional and integrated approaches

- the probable greater opportunities and impacts of combined initiatives towards the overarching aim of sustainable life and development.



SUSTAINABLE DISTRICT LOGISTICS

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European Network for Sustainable District Logistics

The European Network for Sustainable District Logistics (ENSDL) was created in 2004 after the completion of the INNESTO (*INstruments and NEtworks for developing logistics towards Sustainable Territorial Objectives*) project.

This project was carried out between 01/01/2002 and 30/06/2004 under the key action "Policy Aspects" of the Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development Programme (European Fifth Framework Programme).

In 2005, ENSDL became a legal non-profit association and a formal structure was created (e.g. associates, organs, statute, regulations, strategic programme, annual budget and balance sheet).

The ENSDL Assembly held in November 2007 decided to dissolve the Association and to replace it with a more flexible network based on individual commitment of the former-associates and without formal roles and legal responsibilities.

The Associates approved a new Strategic Programme to enlarge scope, visibility and fields of action in the next three years by:

- combining several initiatives and projects towards participatory processes beyond the original Sustainable District Logistics approach
- merging the original approach (focused on logistics) with a multi-policy approach to promote sustainable development (e.g. the EU Lisbon and Gothenburg Strategies)
- developing relationships with new partners from other projects to build up a wider network

LOCAL AGENDA 21

A project, carried out between 2004 and 2006, involved numerous stakeholders in defining basic guidelines for the Local Agenda 21 of the Casentino Valley (Italy).

There is still need for:

- disseminating and mainstreaming the results
- networking among the original and new local stakeholders
- mutual learning through the exchange of good practices with other local contexts
- enhancing the capacity of the concerned policy makers to follow the hypotheses of innovative actions stemmed from the wide consultation towards a comprehensive territorial plan for sustainable development

PARTICIPATORY MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The municipality of Vicchio (Italy) implemented methods and tools to involve stakeholders and to prepare the annual municipal budget according to criteria of sustainable development.

Carried out between 2004 and 2008, this project produced important outcomes that are mainstreamed at a local level (e.g. into the practices of institutional, administrative and civil society stakeholders). Work needs to continue in:

- disseminating this good practice in other local contexts
- networking between the concerned municipality and other local authorities

LOCAL WELFARE

Between 2006 and 2007, two projects were performed in the Provinces of Campobasso and Pisa (Italy) to improve local welfare systems aimed at integrating policies and services on social inclusion, social protection, health care and employment while addressing the issues of sustainable development.

Stakeholder participation was a key factor to define guidelines and innovative actions in the concerned local contexts. Work needs to continue in:

- disseminating and mainstreaming the projects' results into ordinary practices of the involved local authorities
- networking and mutual learning between different experiences at a sub-national level of the European Union dimension

CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Methods and tools for business strategic planning were developed which involve stakeholders (e.g. consumers, workers, managers, public authorities, local communities, civil society organisations) to deal with the issues of sustainable development.

Two local initiatives concerning the Provinces of Arezzo (between 1998 and 2003) and Grosseto (between 2002 and 2004) in Italy were completed. Further work is needed for:

- disseminating innovative entrepreneurial culture and the associated instruments
- networking and mutual learning between entrepreneurs both at local and European levels

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