



NORTH SEA COMMISSION INNOVATION AND EDUCATION GROUP

WORK PLAN

Introduction

The Innovations and Education Group (IEG) was formed in 2006 by bringing together the Economic Development and Education & Research groups.

The IEG is chaired by Councillor Ole B. Sørensen from Region North Denmark.

The two Vice Chairs are Councillor Stella Duneufjardin from Nord-pas de Calais, France, and Councillor Kate Dean from Aberdeen City Council.

Mr Erik Lindboe, from Rogaland County Council in Norway is the advisor of the group.

We have developed a Mission Statement:

"To develop a strategy, shaped by engagement with our members which helps deliver innovative economic activity allied to and involving life long learning within the countries of the North Sea and which is socially inclusive, environmentally sustainable and which promotes health and well being."

From such a mission statement we have developed a work plan which places emphasis upon several areas of interest:

- * Linking innovation and education via a project which expresses this link.
- * Establish a North Sea Schools Sustainability Project
- * Establish and then maintain a model for co-operation with the Baltic Sea Commission
- * Food

On behalf of the group,

Councillor Ole B. Sørensen

IEG Strategies	Actions	Responsibility	Timescale	Resources	Output
IEG's Strategic Group	Meetings to plan activities and actions	NSC IEG Strategic Group	Ongoing	IEG Chair, vice-chair, adviser and officers	Systematic Strategic IEG planning
IEG Members' Network	Send profile questionnaire to group members	Adviser	Ongoing	Adviser	A members' profile database on NSC website.
Market the IEG and the North Sea Commission	Publish news-letters, press releases etc	Strategic Group	2008	Strategic Group	Increase the knowledge of the NSC and the IEG
The Lisbon Strategy: ("Share best practice and Experience. Raise awareness of the importance of mobility in Europe (among professionals, and therefore aim to improve mobility of young people) Identify common challenges Investigate opportunities for work shadowing	Promote and encourage professional and social inclusion of young people Analyse the possibility of work shadowing	IEG vice-chair Cllr. Stella Duneufjardin, Nor-Pas de Calais, to follow this up. Dominique Robertson, Bruce Manson, Scotland, and Robert Vik, Norway	Ongoing through 2008..... 2007. Completed. Published on the NSC website.	To be determined - Sources of external funding may include: Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig, etc. Opportunities through Interreg to be investigated Group members	Comparison among the regions of approaches to improving inclusion and employability of young people. Exchange of professionals Dissemination of findings Work shadowing schemes
The North Sea Schools Sustainability Network	Involve schools from North Sea countries in "The North Sea Schools Sustainability Network"	Lead partner: Saxmundham Middle School, Suffolk, plus participating schools around the North Sea, and the IEG adviser. Subject: Sustainability	Project period: October 2007 – June 2009.	IEG adviser / Partner schools	Exchange of best practice, climate research, seminars etc. Develop other North Sea Schools projects.
- The North Sea Silver Screen Partnership - The North Sea Schools Food Network	Shadow this proposed Interreg IVB program Application submitted to Comenius February 2008	Adviser	2008 – 2011 2008 - 2010	Members of the IEG / NSC	Knowledge transfer / best practise / network and cluster building.
Food	Follow up the NSC Food Event in Dundee, Scotland, 2006	Strategic group. Cooperation with the Culture & Tourism Group	2008	The IEG + Culture & Tourism Group + group advisers	Focus on a variety subjects on Food,+ better food safety
Knowledge transfer / Best practise	Present the so-called "Scandinavian triangle model" – (a method for business development) to IEG members.	Adviser and The BTV region (Norway)	2008	IEG adviser, people from the BTV Region (Norway) and group members' time	Knowledge transfer re. business development schemes.
Energy / Renewable energy	1) Shadow the "Passive House Project" in Sweden 2) The Energy co-ordinating group	IEG Adviser IEG chair and IEG adviser	2008	Adviser / Strategic Group IEG members	Proposed Interreg - project Meeting to be held with chairs and advisers
Increasing links with the other NSC Thematic Groups	Contact the thematic groups re. co-operation on projects, meetings, etc	Adviser	Ongoing	IEG, NSC Secretariat and other Thematic Groups.	Identify topics of mutual NSC interest for 2008, and develop joint meetings, projects, etc.
Co-operation with the Baltic Sea Commission	Establish contact with the BSC. Joint meetings.	Adviser	2008	Adviser	Identify areas of mutual interest 2008.