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ELGPN thematic activities -Task Group 1
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One of the key roles of the ELGPN is to ensure **that lifelong guidance is fully reflected in relevant EU policy processes and policy documents** (2008 EU Council Resolution on "Better integrating lifelong guidance into lifelong learning strategies")

Task Group 1 was established by the network members with a twofold role:

- *"to ensure that the outcomes of the network activities…* **have an impact upon** *regional, national and* **European lifelong guidance policy development"**;
- *"to share and transfer information* **so that all ELGPN members can have access to such information and can have an opportunity to be involved in the relevant policy processes".**

Objectives of Task Group 1

Task Group 1 is entrusted with several missions:

➢ Towards ELGPN members: check how European policies take account of lifelong guidance and share the information gathered with them.
➢ Towards ELGPN members: ground the thematic activities of the ELGPN firmly in an EU policy context.
➢ From the ELGPN towards the European policy-makers: provide alerts on current processes and advice to help the network members to *"be involved in the policy processes"* and make the outcomes of the network valued within the European policies for education, training, employment, and social inclusion.

Expert team methodology to support the work of the Task Group 1

The task of the expert team is to assist Task Group 1 and the ELGPN Co-ordinator on policy collection, analysis, and impact at EU level and through the Co-ordinator to keep all ELGPN members up-to-date on EU policy developments to which lifelong guidance can make a significant contribution. The work of the task group is transversal to all the work programme activities.

The work of the policy experts involves:

➢ Desk research, policy gathering and analysis

- ➢ Establishing a network of informants at EU level (the DGs of the Commission, the European Parliament, the Council, the Committee of the Regions, European Social Partners, European civil society, and other relevant stakeholders)
- ➢ Establishing a network of informants from among the ELGPN representatives
- ➢ Consultation with the Co-ordinator, the Task Group, and the Network as appropriate, at meetings arranged, by videoconference, telephone.
- ➢ Working in a transversal way with lead countries and experts from the thematic actions
- ➢ Writing.

Tasks

1.   **Defining in more detail the expectations of the ELGPN Co-ordinator and Network members** with respect to Task Group 1**, including how Task Group 1 can fulfil a transversal role with respect to the thematic activities**. The policy experts need the help of the network and task group to build up a network of policy resources at national and EU level to help them in their task.

2.   **Providing an analysis of lifelong guidance in recent key EU policy documents** related to the role of LLG in the current economic crisis.

3.   **Linking thematic actions to EU policies.** This task should be seen as a support to the lead country, the field-visit hosts and the invited expert for each thematic action, **in close co-operation with them and linked to the content of their papers**. The aim of this task is to provide background information on EU policies related to the topic of the WP and to situate the thematic work (included field visits and case studies) in a broader context.

4.   **Contribute to the preparation of the thematic action synthesis report** in co-operation with the lead country and the invited expert. The TG1 experts intend to propose reflections on the ways of feeding the outcomes of the thematic actions into European policies.

Conclusion

The policy briefings should help the MS representatives to be better informed about current European policies and to contribute to national reflections on these.

These documents should also help to inform the future work of ELGPN after 2010 in the framework of current European policies and issues.