ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for the EUROPE DIRECT INFORMATION NETWORK

3-5 October 2007, Sitges (near Barcelona).

Venue: Dolce Sitges Hotel
(Can Girona. Camí de Miralpeix km 12, 08870 Sitges).

PROGRAMME

3 October 2007 (Wednesday)

12h45: Pick up from Hotels Terramar & Calipolis to Hotel Dolce Sitges.

13.00 - 16.00  Registration and setting-up of the EUROPE DIRECT stands.
16.00 - 16.15  Welcome speech.  
Manel Camos Grau, Head of Regional Representation in Barcelona, European Commission Representation in Spain.
ED Helpdesk.
16.30 - 17.30  Solidarity in the EU.  
Presentation by: Jimmy Jamar, Head of Unit Communication, DG Employment, European Commission.  
Moderator: Carme Colomina, Journalist.
17.30 - 19.00  Opening of the Network fair.
19h00: Transfer from Hotel Dolce Sitges to Hotels Terramar & Calipolis.
19h45: Pick up from Hotels Terramar & Calipolis to Hotel Dolce Sitges for the dinner.
20.30  Welcome Cocktail and Dinner (Hotel Dolce Sitges).
22h15: Transfer from Hotel Dolce Sitges to Hotels Terramar & Calipolis.

4 October 2007 (Thursday)

08h30: Pick up from Hotels Terramar & Calipolis to Hotel Dolce Sitges for the conference.

9.15 - 9.45  Keynote Address:  
Globalisation and Trade Openness.  
Signe Ratso, Director WTO Affairs, OECD and Food-related Sectors, DG Trade, European Commission.

Paavo Palk, Head of Unit Communication Relays and Networks, DG COMM, European Commission.
10.15 - 10.30  The EU bookshop.  
*Angela-Paola Pepe*, Publications Office.

10.30 - 10.45  *Coffee break.*

10.45 - 12.30  Programme for the Relays:

**Focus Groups - Problem solving: Group work (10h45-11h45).**  
Several groups sharing knowledge on how to solve practical and administrative problems the Relay members are most commonly faced with.  
*Moderators:*  
*Laimute Pilukaite*, European Commission Representation in Lithuania.  
*Maria Kanellopoulou*, European Commission Representation in Greece.

**Focus Groups - Problem solving: Plenary (11h45-12h30).**  
Presentation of the conclusions of the focus groups and open discussion.  

Programme for the EDCs:

**Online information sources.**  
*Gunter Schäfer*, EUROSTAT.

12.30 - 14.00  *Lunch break.*

14.00 - 16.30  Sharing of ‘Best Practice’.

14.00 - 15.00  **I: Information & Communication:**  
Presentations by: Helke Mensch, ED Freiburg (Germany); Rémi Doué, ED Lorraine (France); Emmy Stromberg, European Commission Representation in Sweden; Marcello Pierini, ED Marche (Italy).

15.00 - 15.30  *Coffee break.*

15.30 - 16.30  **II: Exchange Programmes:**  
*Moderator: Mariana Johannesson*, ED Södra Småland (Sweden).  
Presentations by: Emilie Wagner, ED Colombey-les-Belles (France); Irene Rodrigues, EDC Deu Minho (Portugal) and Georg Winter, EDC Danube University Krems (Austria); Mariana Johannesson, ED Södra Småland (Sweden), Bénédicte Feuger, ED Basse Normandie (France).

16.30 - 20.30  *Barcelona Visit.*

20.30  *Dinner (Hotel Dolce Sitges).*

22h30: Transfer from the Hotel Dolce Sitges to Hotel Terramar & Calipolis.
08h15: Pick up from Hotels Terramar & Calipolis to Hotel Dolce Sitges.

09.00 - 12.00 Workgroups:

Programme for Relays (09.00-10.15):

Improving communication on the EU towards different target audiences.
Sharing of experiences on improving the daily delivery of information/communication services to the citizens.
Discussion organised in 3 parallel workgroups determined by target audiences:

Relay Workgroup 1: Children.
Moderator: Jelena Abola, European Commission Representation in Latvia.
Presentations by: Elke Czaplewski, ED Dresden (Germany); Daila Urbuyte & Aukse Valackoniene, ED Klaipeda and Telisai (Lithuania).

Relay Workgroup 2: Youth.
Moderator: Rolf-Jan Hoeve, European Commission Representation in the Netherlands.
Presentations by: Dirk Dohnke, ED Lüneburg (Germany); Cecilia Laszlo, ED Jasz-Nagykun-Szolnok (Hungary).

Relay Workgroup 3: School teachers.
Presentations by: Giuseppe Liguori, ED Reggio Emilia (Italy).

Programme for EDCs (09.00-10.15):
Sharing of experiences and working practices on:

Cooperation between EDCs.
Moderator: Elisabeth Gorkovoi, EDC the Hague (Netherlands).
Presentations by: Lorenza Riccio, Silvia de Luca and Stefania Tesser, EDCs Trieste, Catania and Venezia (Italy); Katri Rintamaki and Outi Klintrup, EDCs Oulu and Vaasa (Finland).

10.15 - 10.45 Coffee break.
10.45 - 12.00 Workgroups - second session (repetition for Relays and EDCs).
12.00 - 12.15 Closing session.