



UBC TASK FORCE ON YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND WELL-BEING
5th Meeting, Naestved, Denmark
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MINUTES

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TUESDAY, June 2nd 2015, 10am – 5pm

Place City Hall, Meeting room 8, 1st floor, Teatergade 8, Naestved

Welcome to Naestved

Meeting started with a visit to Naestved Job Center, which is called the competence house. Naestved partners introduced their employment office working models and best practices dealing, for example, how they activate unemployed people through clean city maintenance.

Agenda and the minutes of the last meeting

Task Force members from the Municipality of Naestved presented general information about the municipality, its' educational system and the meeting in general.

Approval of the Agenda and the minutes of the last meeting

Agenda and the minutes of the last meeting were approved

EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region: priority areas and flagship projects

Matti Mäkelä introduced general information about EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.

Task Force activities: Spring 2015

Matti Mäkelä told that the results of the work of the Task Force were presented to the UBC Board in its' Kemi meeting in February.

Final version of the Solutions for the existing challenges is almost done. Task Force partners decided that the DL for new solutions/best practices is August 31st.

Task Force web-site has been launched in following address:
<http://www.koulutustakuu.fi/training-guarantee/>

Project application for planning a joint project was sent to PSF in late March. The decision is expected in June.

In Riga meeting all partners agreed to arrange workshops about the best practices of TF partners. Results are as follows:

Naestved:

Conference in the end of March for professionals working with the youngsters (incl. politicians). Conference was also a kick-off seminar for the Task Force in Naestved. Task of this TF is to create a new strategy for youngsters in Naestved area. One starting point for the work is that we need to focus both on the youngsters with special needs as well as those with special skills.

There were 60 participants in the Conference.

Turku:

Youth Guarantee Now and in the Future -conference in April with 50 participants.

Workshop for project staff about the best practices of the TF partners. Two pilots have started after the workshop in order to transfer the best practices to Finland.

Karlskrona:

Planning to arrange a workshop during the next Fall.

Riga:

Planning to arrange a workshop in September.

Espoo:

Planning to arrange a workshop in the end of August.

Björn Bertilsson presented the activities of the new partner from the Linköping.

Back to basics: UBC Programme on Youth Employment and Well-Being – “The task of this Programme is to ensure that this issue gets the attention it deserves and to give support to Member Cities and other interested partners in promoting the rights of our young generation”

Members of the Task Force discussed about the results of the Task Force and how well or badly issues raised in the Programme on Youth Employment and Well-Being have been implemented in different cities and regions.

Participants agreed that one of the best things in TF work has been an opportunity to share ideas and best practices and learn from the others. Also, partners agreed that there has been visible changes in many themes mentioned in the UBC Programme. However, it is evident that there is many different measures and actors behind these changes. It seems very clear as well that for the future work and to take the next step from sharing and learning to really work and develop together TF partners will need extra funding in, for example, form of the project funding from EU or some other authority.

End of the meeting

Chair of the Task Force closed the first meeting day at 5pm.

WEDNESDAY, June 3rd 2015, 9am – 12am

Place City Hall, Meeting room 8, 1st floor, Teatergade 8, Naestved

The final mile in our journey together (as a Task Force)

Final report:

It was decided that TF will use the material already collected (2014 report, TOP 7 solutions) in writing the final report of the TF. Moreover, TF will execute a survey among the UBC Cities about the implementation of the UBC Programme in August. Furthermore, all partners will write a very short story about the best lessons learned in TF work.

Final report will be presented to the UBC Executive Board in Gdynia General

Conference in October.

Further cooperation:

Partners will discuss more about the final seminar and further cooperation of the TF in the next meeting.

Practical issues: next meeting, deadlines, responsibilities etc.

Next meeting will be held in Espoo, Finland, on September 16th. All TF members are invited to dinner already on September 15th.

Deadlines:

Survey: link sent to partners on August 17th (at the latest); deadline for answers is August 31st.

Top7 solutions (new best practices etc.): August 31st

Short stories about the best lessons learned: August 31st.

Evaluation of the meeting

Participants felt that the meeting met its' objectives.

End of the meeting

Chair of the Task Force closed the meeting at 12am.