

## Deliverable 8.3 Report on the Midterm Workshop

Project acronym: LOCALISE

Project full title: "Local Worlds of Social Cohesion. The Local Dimension of Integrated Social and Employment Policies"

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### Meeting

**Date:** February 28 – March 01 2013

**Place:** Committee of Regions, Brussels

The LOCALISE Midterm Workshop consisted of two parts.

Part 1 was dedicated to the research teams and the Scientific Advisory Committee. The participants discussed the current scientific work and prepared next steps.

Part 2 was dedicated to the interested public, policy-makers and stakeholders. This policy workshop focused on the implications of the research for policy development. The following questions were discussed:

- To what extent do integrated policies serve the goal of activation?
- What are the implications of an integrated activation strategy for local policy making?
- How can services be designed so as to support an integrated activation strategy?
- What is the role of Europe for local social cohesion policies?

It had been decided to exclude a special PhD Session from the Midterm Workshop. A PhD Summer School will take place in Barcelona in June 2013 in cooperation with other FP7 projects.

### Attendees:

BOCCONI: Graziano, Paolo; Catalano, Serida; Monticelli, Lara.

CETRO: Heidenreich Martin; Zimmermann Katharina; Engelmann, Sebastian.

ENU: McQuaid, Ronald; Fuertes, Vanesa.

ISUW: Mandes, Sławomir; Rogaczewska, Maria

SCORE: Garsten, Christina; Hollertz Katarina; Jacobsson, Kerstin

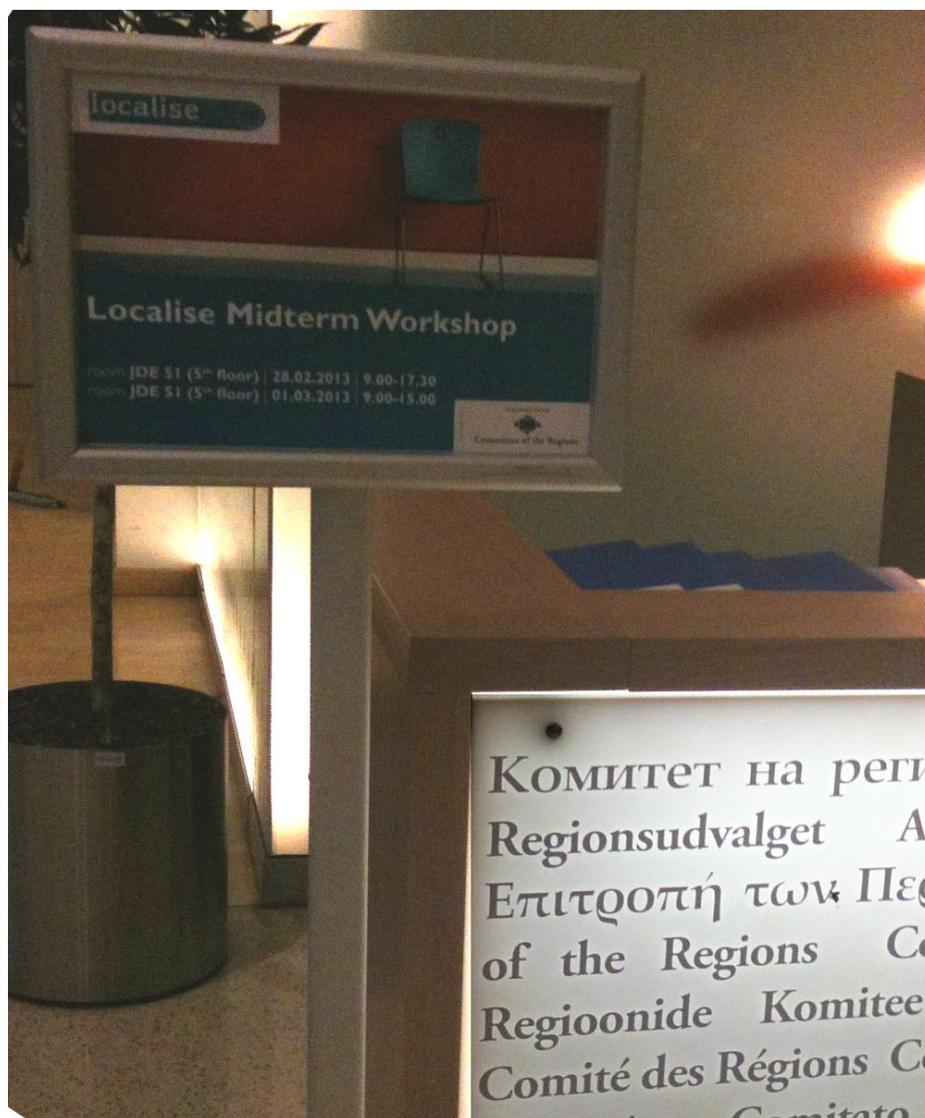
SPIRIT: Berthet, Thierry; Bourgeois, Clara.

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Barbier, Jean-Claude; Leibfried, Stefan; Golinowska, Stella; Strath, Bo; Green, Anne

GUESTS: Prange-Gstöhl, Heiko (COM), Aufschneider, Jasmin (Europavertretung der Bundesagentur für Arbeit); Pradarelli, Cecilia (OSE), Rice, Deborah (VU Amsterdam); Romano, Alessia (EU Liaison Office); Sanna, Francesca (OSE); Van Parys, Liesbeth (HIVA-KU Leuven)

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## **1. Overview of the Meeting**

The meeting commenced on Thursday, February 28 with a welcome note by Martin Heidenreich (Scientific Coordinator, CETRO). He welcomed all team members and the Scientific Advisors. The first



session of the day was devoted to the presentations of the WP4 Case Studies of each partner, each presentation was followed by a discussion on both the specificities of the case study and more general considerations related to practical, analytical and methodological issues. In the afternoon, Ron McQuaid and Vanesa Fuertes (both ERI) presented the template for the national comparative chapters in WP4 and a draft of the international comparative paper on local worlds of social cohesion. During the last session of the day, Paolo Graziano (PAM) presented the WP5 theoretical state-of-the-art as well as the practical aspects of the upcoming tasks, which was followed by a relevant and useful discussion.

The second day of the meeting, Friday, March 01, started with the presentation of the WP6 and WP7 theoretical and methodological approach by Christina Garsten and Slawomir Mandes (SCORE and ISUW), with a discussion following. After a presentation on organizational issues by Katharina Zimmermann (CETRO), the Scientific Workshop was closed.

After a lunch buffet, the second part of the Midterm Workshop, the Policy Workshop started. Several external guests joined the meeting.

Martin Heidenreich (CETRO) gave a short introduction into the project, before the three flashlight sessions started. Each flashlight session was dedicated to a different aspect of the LOCALISE research: Flashlight Session A focused on the national governance of social cohesion; Flashlight Session B was dedicated to the local level, and Flashlight Session C addressed Europeanisation aspects. Each session consisted of two flashlights, followed by a plenary discussion on policy implications.

The Policy Workshop was closed by a conclusion by Martin Heidenreich and the following farewell coffee.

## **LOCALISE Scientific Workshop**

### **a. Work Package 4**

Each presentation of the national case studies (see slides in appendix) comprised a 25 minutes introductory talk by each team, followed by discussions. After the presentation of the national case studies, Ron McQuaid and Vanesa Fuertes presented the template for the national comparative papers and a preliminary comparison of the country cases (see slides in appendix). The national case studies showed, that all partners successfully used the analytical framework provided by ENU, which is the basis for a cross-country comparison. In some countries (especially in Sweden and Germany), huge differences between the cases with regard to the extent of integration and other factors were observable, while other countries showed several similarities between the cases within that country.

During discussions a number of issues arose, including:

- The need to develop a typology of local activation/integration
- Operationalization of some concepts and the overall research question is still not completed
- There might be the need to include more strongly the historical dimension/path dependency
- The design of the cross-country comparison is still not finally decided
- The chapters for the edited volume would probably be very similar to the deliverables which have to be uploaded to the Participant Portal. That will be discussed finally in the 4<sup>th</sup> progress meeting (September).

From the discussion on the WP4 national reports and the WP4 national comparative paper template emerged some decisions:

- CETRO and ENU provide statistical background data.
- The book chapters on national comparisons will be identical with the deliverables to be uploaded to the Participant Portal, except a small part on good practice, which might be deleted for the published book. The single chapters should have their own scientific message.
- Some issues were not fully discussed (among them: anonymity, statistics, some conceptual issues etc.). ENU will circulate suggestions during the following weeks and partners can discuss and agree on them via email. ENU will provide final decisions regarding these issues via email.

### **b. Work Package 5**

Some partners had included in their case study presentations short discussions on Europeanization at the local level (WP5). In the session on WP 5, Paolo Graziano (PAM) built on these very preliminary results, but mainly presented the theoretical and methodological approach of WP5, and the next steps (see slides in appendix). A template for national reports on local Europeanization was provided and plans for publications were suggested. After the presentation, a discussion especially on conceptual and operationalization issues arose. Partners and Scientific Advisors discussed whether the papers should mainly focus on usages of European resources and/or on the impact of usage.

The following decisions were taken:

- Partners agreed on the template for the national reports on local Europeanization, which will be written in a paper style and should not exceed 8000 words.
- The national reports need to be finished for June 2013, the comparative paper (written by PAM) for July 2013 (see below: deadlines). In Stockholm, partners will discuss the comparative paper.
- No final decision was taken with regard to the focus on impact. During the process of the analysis, partners should decide whether they have robust data to analyze the impact or not.

***c. Work Packages 6 and 7***

Christina Garsten (SCORE) and Slawomir Mandes (ISUW) presented the theoretical and methodological approach of work packages 6 and 7 (see slides in appendix). The following discussion mainly treated methodological and conceptual questions and focused on the problem of the different perspectives of both work packages which build on the same empirical material. In addition, the aims of the upcoming meeting in Stockholm in September 2013 were discussed. The main topics of the discussion were:

- The scope of the studies: is there a risk of missing the broader system due to the small number of interviewees?
- The need for target group definitions
- Case selection: what is a project, what is innovative in terms of integration?
- Is there a need of two different theoretical approaches or could both WPs work with a joint approach? Will there be integrated interview guidelines?
- A need of concrete research hypotheses for WP 7

The following decisions emerged from the discussion

- The Swedish and the Polish team will provide guidelines and examples for the selection of ‘innovative projects’ which will be analyzed in the framework of WP6 and WP7.
- Partners will send a preliminary selection of an ‘innovative project’ before the Stockholm meeting. This selection will be discussed during the meeting and a final decision will be taken afterwards.
- The Polish team will provide a more detailed background paper and research hypotheses for WP 6 during the next couple of months.
- SCORE and ISUW suggested holding an additional meeting in January 2014. ISUW volunteered to host the meeting in Warsaw. A preliminary date was fixed: January 17-18, 2014.
- Stockholm Meeting:
  - o SCORE and ISUW will prepare a workshop on research methods for the Stockholm meeting.
  - o The programme includes sessions for the discussion of WP4 and WP5 comparative reports, of WP6 and WP7 theoretical and methodological approach as well as deliverables and report templates and of the WP2 edited volume.
  - o Partners agreed to start the meeting on Monday morning
  - o SCORE will circulate a draft programme for the meeting as soon as possible. If required, CETRO supports SCORE in organizational and administrative issues regarding the meeting.

#### ***d. Organisational issues***

As the last topic of the Scientific Workshop, Katharina Zimmermann (CETRO) presented a number of organizational and administrative issues which had to be discussed among the consortium. Among them were upcoming deadlines, the reporting period, meetings and a publication strategy. Partners were encouraged to publish on the basis of the ‘LOCALISE findings. The following decisions were taken:

- Partners agreed on a number of deadlines (see table in appendix).
- The final conference will have the format of an ‘extended internal scientific workshop’ including a policy workshop. This would mean holding a two-day scientific conference for the LOCALISE consortium and the Scientific Advisors (and eventually external guests) as well as a one-day policy workshop. Partners preferred Brussels as meeting venue; however, there is no final decision on this question yet since Heiko Prange-Gstöhl (COM) had a number of relevant

suggestions which need to be discussed. An Edited Volume or a Special Issue should be the output of the scientific meeting.

- All partners are allowed to publish on the basis of the LOCALISE foreground. However, before including results of other partners in their own publications, co-authorships need to be offered. Only if partners are not willing or not able to cooperate in publications, can the foreground created by these partners be used without co-authorships.



## **2. LOCALISE Policy Workshop**

The LOCALISE Policy Workshop started with a lunch buffet and the opportunity for networking and informal conversations, before Martin Heidenreich opened the meeting with a short introductory speech. He explained the aims and focal points of

the project, as well as the political relevance of the issue. Afterwards, the flashlight sessions started. In the first session, Thierry Berthet and Martin Heidenreich gave an overview on the national dimensions of integrated social and employment policies. While Thierry Berthet explained commonalities and differences in the emergence process of development of activation friendly integration policies, Martin Heidenreich's presentation focused on the role of social services in a comparative perspective. After this first flashlight session, guests, Scientific Advisors and partners started a discussion on both policy implications and scientific aspects of these research results.

The second flashlight session focused on the local dimension of integrated social and employment policies. In a first speech, Ron McQuaid gave a comparative overview on preliminary results of the LOCALISE case studies. Afterwards, Vanesa Fuertes talked on effective integration. Again, all participants had the opportunity to discuss policy implications and other issues.

The third flashlight session consisted of one flashlight, by Paolo Graziano. He introduced the Europeanisation perspective and usages of European resources. A special focus lay on financial resources, especially the European Social Fund (ESF).

After a discussion both on Europeanisation and more general aspects, Martin Heidenreich closed the Workshop. Over coffee and typical Belgian chocolates, participants continued their fruitful discussions.

Here a brief summary of deadlines and related action points:

<b>TASK</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
CETRO and ENU to provide statistical background data	CETRO (ENU)	ASAP, if possible by 15.04.
ENU to circulate suggestions and final decisions on several issues regarding WP 4	ENU	ASAP, if possible by end of March
WP 4 Third Case Study	ALL PARTNERS	30.04.
WP 4 Comparative Rational Report	ALL PARTNERS	Draft to partners: 07.04. Final Version to CETRO: 29.04. (to be uploaded 30.04.)
WP 4 Cross-National Comparative Report	ENU	Draft to partners: 30.06 - comments back on 15.07.13 Final Version to CETRO: 30.07. (to be uploaded 31.07)
WP 5 National Report	ALL PARTNERS	To be finally provided after confirmation by Heiko Prange-Gstöhl
WP 5 Comparative Report	PAM	First draft to partners: 31.07. Final version: 29.08. (to be uploaded 31.08.13)
NSC Meeting Reports	ALL PARTNERS	20.06. to CETRO
NSC Meeting Deliverable	CETRO	30.06.
The Swedish and the Polish team to provide guidelines and examples for the selection of 'innovative projects' to be analyzed in the framework of WP67 and WP7	SCORE ISUW	ASAP, if possible by end of May
All partners to send a preliminary selection of an 'innovative project' before Stockholm. This selection will be discussed during the meeting and a final decision will be taken afterwards	ALL PARTNERS	15.08.
SCORE to circulate a draft programme for the meeting as soon as possible.	SCORE (CETRO)	ASAP, if possible by end of April