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Interactive International Conference

THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND 2007-2013: MAKING IMPLEMENTATION A SUCCESS



European Commission

Milan (IT), February 21st and 22nd 2008

EIPA-CEFASS: Via Copernico 42, Milan 20125



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Why this conference now?

The European Social Fund – the European Union's main financial instrument for investing in people and creating better jobs – spends over €10 billion a year across all Member States. This conference – the fifth training event in a series of ESF conferences – will deal with the following issues:

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| ▪ Employment Policies & Lisbon Process | ▪ Capacity-building |
| ▪ Education Policies | ▪ Partnerships & Transnationality |
| ▪ Social Partners | ▪ Audit & Control |

Who should attend?

Officials from ministries of labour, education and social affairs in EU Member States and neighbouring countries, managing authorities, social partners, policy makers, co-financers, development and regional agencies, training institutions, NGOs, practitioners and other stakeholders involved in ESF matters.

Advantages & learning objectives

- Understanding ESF programmes and designing & implementing ESF projects
- Advice from leading *EU experts* and hand-picked *practitioners*
- Hands-on learning in a pleasant, multinational working atmosphere: attendees come from all EU countries
- Practical-oriented, interactive methodology: good and bad case studies, materials for implementation; attendees are invited to submit, in advance, *specific training needs* before the conference to: r.hessel@eipa-it.com

Fee, registration & low-cost flights

The participation fee is € 650 (incl. documentation, lunches, dinner & refreshments). We recommend *early* registration; for *online*-registration see: www.eipa.eu. N.B.: There are three airports close to Milan, all of which are served by several low-cost airlines.

Languages

English with simultaneous interpretation into Italian provided if there is a sufficient number of requests.

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P R O G R A M M E

Thursday February 21st 2008

SESSION 1 CHANGES IN THE NEW PROGRAMMING PERIOD

- 09.30 **Welcoming of participants**
Giampaolo Amadori, Director of EIPA-CEFASS, Milan (IT)
- 09.40 **Introduction to the conference**
Looking at the big picture: the new EU policy context and targets
Roger Hessel, Project Leader, EIPA-CEFASS, Milan (IT)
- 10.15 **Keynote speech: From policy to people – recent ESF developments; the new role for social partners (Part 1)**
Thomas Bender, Head of Unit "Coordination", European Commission, DG EMPL
- 11.30 Coffee break
- 12.00 **Impact strengthening; earmarking and new reporting requirements (Part 2)**
Thomas Bender, European Commission
- 13.15 Networking lunch: buffet of light Italian specialities

SESSION 2 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS: TAKING ADVANTAGE OF GOOD PRACTICES

- Introduction to the Workshops
Participants are invited to present one project of their working environment.
- 14.15 **WS 1:** Chair: *Dr Claudia Gallo*, Business Adviser, Ernst & Young, Milan (IT)
WS 2: Chair: *Dr Marianna Cavazza*, Lecturer in Health Economics, EIPA-CEFASS, Milan (IT)
WS 3: Chair: *Ing. Sergio Conti*, Scientific Consultant EIPA-CEFASS Milan (IT), former European Commission Expert, Brussels (BE)
- 15.30 Coffee break
- 16.00 **DEBRIEFING ON THE WORKSHOPS (plenary session)**
Reports to the plenary: outcome of the discussions
- 17.00 End of the first day; Joint Coffee at the *Bar Venus* (optional; Via Ponte Seveso 23)
- 19.20 Dinner at the *Antica Osteria di Via Gluck 10* (10 min. walk from EIPA-CEFASS)

Friday February 22nd 2008

SESSION 3 MANAGING PROGRAMMES AND IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS

- 09.00 **"Warming up" for the new training day**
Roger Hessel, Project Leader
- 09.15 **The Italian case: how to manage the ESF**
Dr Claudia Gallo, Business Adviser, Ernst & Young, Milan (IT)
- 10.00 **The British case: partnerships and transnationality – linking policy with practice**
Lloyd Broad, Senior EU Funding Officer and Local Government Expert, Birmingham City Council (UK)
- 11.50 Coffee break
- 11.15 **Keynote speech: The regulatory requirements in implementing ESF projects**
Lucio Battistotti, Head of Unit "Audits", European Commission, DG EMPL - invited
- 12.15 **FINAL PANEL DISCUSSION: MAKING IMPLEMENTATION A SUCCESS**
"Kick-off upbeat" and chair:
Marie-José Jonczy-Mountastruc, Honorary General Director, European Commission, Legal Service, former adviser to the President of the European Commission - invited
- *Lucio Battistotti, European Commission*
 - *Lloyd Broad, Birmingham City Council (UK)*
 - *Dr Claudia Gallo, Ernst & Young, Milan (IT)*
- 13.20 Were you satisfied? Evaluation and conclusions
- 13.30 Networking lunch: buffet of light Italian specialities
- 14.15 End of the conference



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