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The ERLAIM Project European Regional and Local Authorities for the Integration of Migrants

Conference on EU Policy, Funding Opportunities and Local Practices

Thursday 7 & Friday 8, June 2007 Brussels, Committee of the Regions (room JDE 51)

The ERLAIM (European Regional and Local Authorities for the Integration of Migrants) Project, in the framework of the INTI Preparatory Actions Programme 2005, aims to improve the quality of regional and local policy when designing and implementing integration strategies of third-country nationals. The Project Partners are hosting a 2-day conference with the following objectives:

- To provide in-depth information to local and regional practitioners on current and future EU policy on immigration;
- To describe experiences and best practice in different regions;
- To explore EU funding tools for the integration of migrants;
- To network and discuss potential projects and partnerships with other representatives of regions from across the EU.

There will be an opportunity to present new project ideas and to find partners for an EU application. The topics/project ideas are decided beforehand by the participants, who will give them to the organisers before the session begins.

Participants

We are inviting policy makers and practitioners for the integration of migrants at all levels (regional / local authorities, associations, NGOs, etc.).

Regional Representations are also invited. All ERLAIM project partners will be present and available for discussion.

Practical information

There is no registration fee, but participants must pay their own travel and accommodation expenses. The working language will be English.

Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. If you are interested in attending this conference, <u>please reply as soon as possible</u>, completing the registration form <u>by 23 May 2007.</u>

If you think other stakeholders from your region or other partner regions in Europe would be interested in attending the conference, please send their name, organisation and email address to <u>emilia-romagna@optinet.be</u>

A confirmation of your registration will be sent to you.