

Programme Coevorden conference - 23-26 September 2013

Welcome! / Welkom!

Tuesday 24 September - Study trip for public partners

Exchange of Experience and searching for synergy with other EU-funded projects

In and around Coevorden (beyond the activities submitted in the VERSO project) you can find many projects that share heritage and philosophies with the VERSO project. On Tuesday we want to offer you an attractive showcase of our own cases in VERSO and different activities that deal with related issues and/or provide a better infrastructure (in knowledge, social economy and so on). In other words, it is a study trip.

Based on the experience after the Detmold visit, we will continue to work with small focus groups and a few lists with standard questions so we can log everything.

<i>Time</i>	<i>Contents</i>
09:00 - 12:00	<p>This part of the programme is by bus in and around Coevorden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Europark - German/Dutch cooperation at the border (INTERREG IVA + IVB) • Multi-functional accommodation / village hall Schoonoord (same concept as VERSO case Geesbrug) <p>Note... bus departs at 09:00 sharp from the main Central Square!</p>
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch at EMCO social enterprise
13:00 - 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial laundry + sheltered employment (VERSO case) • MICROPOL project (INTERREG IVC) • Volunteerism in the neighbourhood: Van Eijbergenstraat • Arsenaal Museum (LEADER and INTERREG IVA) • Aquano canoe rental (ESF and INTERREG) <p>From about 15:00 we will be at the town centre, and other guests are welcome to join us.</p>
17:00 - 18:00	Focus group and providing information to <i>rapporteur</i> .
18:00 - 19:00	Short break
19:00 -	<p>Indonesian rijsttafel at Ni Hao</p> <p>Just before dinner, the <i>rapporteur</i> will provide an informal feed-back, written version is to follow after the conference.</p>



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Wednesday 25 September

Morning: Discussion of the VERSO Final Draft of Good Practices Catalogue

Afternoon: Seminar on Volunteering for local Employment in the Netherlands

Location: Town Hall Coevorden (200m from hotels), Council Chamber

<i>Time</i>	<i>Contents</i>
09:00 – 12:00	<p>Official opening by Bert Bouwmeester, Mayor of Coevorden and member of PPB</p> <p>Press moment</p> <p>Presentations, workshops and focus groups on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of the Final Draft of the Good Practice Catalogue • Discussion of strategies for implementing good practices into politics • Coffee break around 10:30
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch. Our local Europe Direct office has an information stand with relevant information directly from the EU.
13:30 - 16:30	<p>Seminar on Volunteering in the Netherlands - integrating good practices in policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Humanitas and its role in Coevorden (VERSO case) - The added value of Humanitas to local authorities, particularly Coevorden (Rosan Kuipers) - Homestart family care (VERSO-case) - Dutch association for local authorities (VNG) - national insurance scheme for volunteers and the impact of it on volunteering - European good practices and policy recommendations of VERSO <p>This block will be open to external guests, too (the press, politicians, volunteers & other INTERREG projects - IVC, but also IVB and IVA).</p>
16:30 - 17:30	Networking activities with stakeholders, follow-up discussions with press if necessary.
17:30 - 18:15	Short break
18:15	<p>Dinner at De Nieuwe Veste practical school - bus leaves at 18:15.</p> <p>Welcome by Ms Conny van der Groef, Director Profession-Oriented Education</p>



Thursday 26 September - Steering Group Committee Meeting

Location: Town Hall Coevorden (200m from hotels), Council Chamber

<i>Time</i>	<i>Contents</i>
09:00 - 11:45	<p>Plenary working meeting including these elements: Steering group (plenary), preliminary items on the agenda...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning next bilateral visits • Political briefings • Reporting / liaising with JTS • Open Days 2013 and 2014 • Budget revisions • Meetings in Sofia and Zalaegerszeg <p>Of course, there will be the opportunity to move around and work in smaller groups if necessary. Short breaks as needed.</p>
11:45 - 12:00	Closing remarks by organisers and lead partner
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch and departure
13:00 -	Bus leaves for Schiphol.