



MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE

Quartiers en Crise – European Regeneration Areas Network

Dear Potential Member,



Following your expression of interest in the work of QeC-ERAN and possible membership, I am pleased to send you this membership pack, which provides background information regarding the Association,

Statutes, Membership information as well as the membership contract.

QeC-ERAN is one of the longest established networks in relation to the theme of urban regeneration. Naturally this means that we not only have a long track record, but we are also a network that has, and remains committed to being at the leading edge in relation to the changing realities experienced by regeneration areas.

QeC-ERAN has played a strategic role in the development of programmes linked to structural and cohesion funds. Indeed, we undertook the initial research and piloting, which had a direct bearing on the creation of the URBAN programme. Eighteen years later we are one of the key players in the URBACT programme, which seeks to capitalise the good practice, which the URBAN programme has generated.

Indeed, with the city of Venice we are piloting one of the first two Fast Track projects in the newly launched regions for economic change programme. In promoting the integrated approach, we have also developed skills and experience in

programmes linked to the European Employment Strategy, Social Inclusion, Equal Opportunities, Anti-discrimination; Life-long Learning, Integration and Citizenship.

In short, what we offer is experience, contacts and a successful track record, which will enable your organisation to tap into European policy and programmes.

Once you have read the enclosed information then please do not hesitate to get in touch with our Director Mr. Haroon Saad (Tel: +32 (0)2 5244545, email: hsaad@qec-eran.org or myself, if you require any further information. (Ilda.Curti@amministratori.comune.torino.it)

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1. Quartiers en crise – European Regeneration Areas Network

QeC-ERAN at a glance

Quartiers en Crise – European Regeneration Areas Network AISBL (QeC-ERAN) is a network of EU cities/towns/district councils as well as strategic NGOs, all of who are connected by being involved in national, regional and EU policies and programmes concerned with Area-based regeneration.

The association was established in 1989 and is located in the heart of Brussels. The QeC-ERAN Network is one of the longest established networks in relation to the theme of urban regeneration and remains committed to being at the leading edge in relation to the changing realities experienced by regeneration areas.

Our Objectives:

- **Developing** programmes/projects which facilitate the exchange of experience and practise between such areas
- **Supporting** initiative based on greater participation of targeted groups
- **Promoting** joint up working and thinking between local authorities and other key agencies, and in particular local NGOs
- **Undertaking** research and evaluation in order to impact on existing and future Urban regeneration policies/programmes
- **Creating** a network which constitutes an European “think tank” regarding the issue of diversity, integration, social and economic exclusion and urban regeneration

Please find more information in the full Power Point presentation of QeC-ERAN under the following link:

<http://www.qec-eran.org/Presentation/photo1.html>

2. Member Services

We offer our members the following services:

- **Project development and implementation support.** This means that members, who are interested in developing projects can ask for help, advice and coordination support
- **Information.** We provide through workshops, the website and our electronic Flashes a range of information that reflects the interests of our members
- **Networking.** Membership provides access to a range of networks and contacts that the organisation has built up with the European Commission and the European Parliament
- **Professional Development Services.** Through workshops, European Regeneration Managers Network, Study Tours.
- **Advice and support.** Part of the role of our Brussels office is to provide members with advise on European Programmes and policies
- **Member Workshops.** Included in the membership fee are two policy workshops per year. The workshops provide contact with key officials responsible for EU Policy and Programmes
- **Access to a customised data and resource base**
- **Partner seeking service** to enable members to secure European funding
- **Targeted searches** to reflect specific interests
- **Regular “Alerts”** regarding calls for funding relating to the work of the Associations Website. This enables members to promote their work widely.

- **Membership of the General Assembly** which is responsible for the strategic direction of the Association
- **Free Membership of the European Social Inclusion Platform.** This is a unique platform established in conjunction with the Self-Governing Region of Bratislava and the City of Pezinok. Membership provides access to a wide range of organisations in the New Member States and Accession Countries.

3. Examples of Work Undertaken

Annual General Meeting and Study Tour

Each year an organised study tour is related to the organisation's Annual general meeting.

In 2008, the AGM combined with the Study Tour took place on 12-14 June in Starogard Gdanski (Poland) and brought together around 50 participants who had the opportunity to study examples of good practise in urban regeneration of industrial cities in transition with the main focus being on Poland but other European case studies were also presented. On-site visits to successful regeneration projects in the host city, Starogard Gdanski, as well as neighbouring Gdansk were organised. The social programme included a visit to the local vodka factory, dinner at a medieval castle and an informal barbecue at Starogard Gdanski's former horse stables.

In 2007 year the AGM event was held in Crotone (Italy). The theme of the AGM and study tour was on the social economic background of the region of Calabria in particular as concerned unemployment in the region and measures undertaken to tackle this issue. On-line visits included a trip and lunch at a vocational training school where students were receiving practical training to find work in the catering and tourism sector.

QeC-ERAN Workshop Conferences

In total 2-3 workshops are organised per year. These workshops aim to reflect the priority

needs of members and provide an opportunity to develop links with other organisations in the same areas of work. Through the meetings and study tours QeC-ERAN creates a coherent "annual programme" that enables members to select representatives that benefit from the content of the workshops.

Examples of the workshops undertaken:

"Open Days Off- Café Debates and Non-VIP Reception": debates centered around issues high on the EU agendas such as the EU's climate change policy, the urban dimension in cohesion policy, the social costs of the Lisbon strategy etc., Brussels 7 October 2008.

"Monitoring the Urban Dimension in EU Cohesion Policy: Spanish and Portuguese perspectives", Madrid 2-3 April, 2008. This is a series of events on the theme of "urban dimension in EU cohesion policy" in different member states. The aim is to feed the outcomes of these events into the EU mid-term review of the new EU Cohesion Policy programming arrangements (2009 and 2010).



Dirk Ahner, Director General DG Regional Policy, speaking at the Madrid conference

“Integrated Urban Development: Methodologies and Resources”, Lazio Region EU offices, Brussels 4 October 2007

“Monitoring the impact of the Urban Dimension in EU Cohesion Policy”, Town Hall, Antwerp, 19 September 2007

“Skills for Sustainable and Competitive Urban Development: Taking the EU agenda forward” Committee of the Regions, Brussels 22 May 2007

Project development and implementation

The continuous project development and implementation is an essential part of the association’s work. Also those members, who are interested in developing projects, can anytime ask for help and advice and we provide them project development and implementation support. This includes commenting on project ideas; assisting with the policy background relating to the programme; finding partners. If we take on the co-ordination role then this also means that we coordinate the whole application process and submit the project and if it is successful, we take on the administration and financial management.

Examples of projects development:

- **Managing migration and integration in cities and regions**

This project seeks to establish a thematic network of 5 cities and 5 regions which is based on the need to develop and integrated exchange programme relating to the theme of *“Managing Migration and Integration at Local Level” – Cities and Regions (MILE)*. It therefore has two closely interrelated sub themes: Migration and Integration.

- **Active Ageing**

This project will develop an exchange of experience between cities facing an ageing population to develop an integrated approach to enable cities dealing with this issue. In particular, the network will focus on the key issues of Employment, Social services and spatial planning.

- **Women, Enterprise, Employment in Local Development (WEED)**

WEED is a network of 10 cities, which will address the theme of “Women, Enterprise and Employment in Local Development”. In particular, the network will focus on the key issues of: 1) Women and entrepreneurship, 2) Gender inequalities in the workplace and the labour market and 3) Women in research and knowledge economy.

- **Building Healthy Communities**

The main objective of this project is to establish a network of cities in at least 6 different member states participating in a transnational exchange programme for transfer of policy, planning and practice on urban health policies and to provide capacity building for professional development in the field of urban health.

- **Integration Exchange: online integration services for third country nationals**

This project seeks to strengthen the implementation and awareness of the Common Basic Principles (CBP) at local/regional level. The CBPs were adopted by the Justice and Home affairs council in November 2004 and incorporated into the European Commission communication on **A Common Agenda for Integration** in 2005.

- **European Social Inclusion Platform (with Self Governing Region of Bratislava and City of Pezinok)**

QeC-ERAN is one of the founding members of ESIP (European Social Inclusion Platform). This project aims to create a mechanism for the regular exchange of experience and information; to create synergy between members in order to facilitate transnational working in EU programmes; to establish effective links with the European Commission and European Parliament in order to influence policy development; as well as to create a basis for the development and exchange of good practice in relation to tackling social exclusion.

- **European Regeneration Managers Network and Skills and training needs analysis of key actors in regeneration areas**

European Regenerations Managers Network developed by QeC-ERAN is to respond to a need to build up capacity and empower urban regeneration actors to directly connect to each other and exchange experience and transfer learning. The goals of the network are to provide members with an information service which keeps them updated in terms of EU Urban Policy developments and indeed the wider policy context that drives the Lisbon Agenda provide information regarding EU funding programmes and to undertake skills and training needs analysis of a sample of members.

- **Creative industries and area based regeneration programmes**

Cultural Industries constitute a sector which offers a range of benefits such as culture as a commodity in the new economies; cultures as a tool for social cohesion and culture as a learning tool and culture as a key component in the quality of life.

4. Membership Package

QeC-ERAN has currently members and associates across the EU27 member states. Membership is open to municipalities, local public authorities and NGOs in the field of social inclusion and socio-economic regeneration in urban areas. Participation within the network seeks to prioritise the participation of local/neighbourhood councils which are directly involved / responsible for the democratic management of areas of multiple challenges and new opportunities.



THE MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE provides members with the following services:

- **Participation** in Staff Development programme. This consists of two workshops per year which focus on key EU policy and project /programme management issues. The programme provides access to participants to key officials from EU institutions as well as other organisations based in Brussels. The fee includes the travel, accommodation (two nights) and subsistence costs of one delegate to participate in two events per year. Workshops are conducted in English, French and Italian (in some cases also Spanish).
- **Provision** of a targeted information search service
- **Providing** assistance in arranging visits to EU Institutions

- **Free membership** of the European Social Inclusion Platform (ESIP). This is a platform which focuses on creating links with new member states and accession countries in relation to the theme of social inclusion. Membership will provide members with access to a network of organisations and contacts in the new member states as well as an opportunity to participate in events organised by ESIP at a reduced rate or occasionally free when funding permits.
- **Support** in developing EU projects.
- A bi-monthly **electronic newflash** which provides up-to-date information in respect of network developments; developments at an EU level and key publications and call for proposals.
- **A fortnightly** electronic Alert, which highlights key events or publications or consultations issued by the Commission
- **Access to a customized data** and resource base which reflects the interests of the network
- **Participation** in one study tour per year. The study tour is linked to the Annual General Meeting and thus enables active participation in reviewing the work of the network and also agreeing priorities for the forthcoming year. (Please note the fee includes the travel accommodation and subsistence costs for one delegate for three nights)
- **Partner search** service to enable members to secure European funding
- **Advise** in relation to European project proposals
- Placing of **membership profile** on the network website
- **Priority** in joining EU projects developed by the network

What does the Membership Package cost?

The annual **Membership Package** costs are **€7800 per year (€ 6000** for New Member States and NGOs).

See membership contract Annex1

5. Organisation and Offices

Executive Bureau

The [Executive Bureau](#) is currently composed of six members and is elected every two years by the General Assembly. It meets four times a year and ensures the implementation of the programme of the associations as agreed by the General Assembly.

The current Executive Bureau was elected in November 2008 at the association's Annual General Meeting for the next two years.

President: . Ilda Curti

Deputy Mayor for Urban Development and Integration
City of Turin, Italy

Vice-President: Mr. Lionel Martijn

Alderman, City of Rotterdam Charlois District, The Netherlands

Treasurer: The Rt. Hon. Lord Major Belfast, UK,
represented by

Laura Leonard, Belfast City Council, UK

Secretary 2008: Jude Kehla-Wirnkar
District Council Amsterdam South East

Member: Luana Zanella

Councillor, City of Venice, Italy

Member: Bernard Dallons

President, CPAS Charleroi, Belgium

Executive Board 2008-2009

QeC-ERAN Offices

The QeC-ERAN network's [office](#) is based in Brussels and is made up of a small dedicated team with expertise in urban regeneration issues and relevant EU institutions and policies.

Annexes:



MEMBERSHIP CONTRACT

QUARTIERS EN CRISE - EUROPEAN REGENERATION AREAS NETWORK The International Association for the Regeneration of Neighbourhoods in Crisis

In accordance with article 8 and 9 of the statutes

The municipality/organisation known as..... is represented by

Mr, Mrs, Ms
Position:
Office address:
Tel:
Fax:
E-mail:

The latter is authorised by the legal authorities of to act in their name on the one hand, **and the International Association for the Regeneration of Neighbourhoods in Crisis**, based in Brussels, mandated by the General Assembly to act in its name and represented on the other hand by its President.

The representatives state that they jointly subscribe to what follows:

1. The municipality/organisation becomes a member of the International Association for the Regeneration of Neighbourhoods in Crisis by accepting the statutes and internal regulations enclosed in Annex 1, of the network and will participate in the actions of the annual work programme.
2. The above named municipality/organisation will pay the total amount of
 - € 7 800
 - € 6 000 (for new Member States and NGOs)

as a contribution to the running of the network, within thirty days of signing the contract and annually before June 30th of each year, to:

account no. **091-0123091-27**
IBAN code: BE48 0910 1230 9127
BIC code: GKCCBEBB
Dexia Banque, Agence Saint Jean, Pl Vieille Halle Aux Bles1, B-1000 Brussels, Belgium

3. The annual fee is automatically payable unless action is taken in accordance to Article 10 of the statutes.

4. The municipality/organisation has designated Mr, Mrs, MsPosition.....Contact: Tel.....Fax.....Email..... as the official responsible for the co-ordination of the activity of the organisation town within the network. (Mr, Mrs, Ms should be able to communicate in English and/or in French)
5. The municipality/organisation will facilitate the participation of the above-named co-ordinator in network meetings convened by Quartiers en Crise.
6. In the event of the municipality/organisation..... seeks to end its involvement as a member of the association, the annual association fee will not be refundable.
7. The Executive Bureau will ensure that the working programme is carried out according to the planning, but cannot be responsible for changes to the programme due to un-foreseen events.
8. Any complaints or remarks about the work programme may be sent directly to the Executive Bureau. Any decision of the Executive Bureau concerning the content and execution of the programme is taken with the agreement of the General Assembly.

Date.....

Acting on behalf of

Name Signature

Position.....

**Acting on behalf of QUARTIERS EN CRISE - EUROPEAN REGENERATION AREAS NETWORK
the International Association for the Regeneration of Neighbourhoods in Crisis:**

Name Signature

Position.....