

ENTO Challenges for the future

Dear ENTO Members,



I am very proud to open this new number of our Newsletter and to update you about what ENTO Bureau is doing for fulfilling the important goals emerged during latest General Assembly.

As you know, ENTO must fulfil a first challenge related to its own function. The Congress of local and regional authorities has significantly reduced the contribution traditionally assured to ENTO particularly through the work of Larissa Kireeva first and then Martin McMillan. Both to Martin and Larissa we would like to send our special thanks and best wishes for their precious work.



As communicated during latest General Assembly, ENTO Bureau decided to charge secretariat activities to two institutions: EuroInstitute (Germany) and EuropaNetworking (Italy).

With both of them we are working for facing the second big challenge, more strategic: to give more impetus and vigor to ENTO enhancing the value added it can offer to its Members.

For that reason, we are particularly committed to promote ENTO itself and its own members involvement in projects proposals which can be funded by EU or other donors institutions.

Obviously, besides Bureau commitment, the active contribution of all members is needed in order to reach the important goals we are facing. At this regard, I would remind you the new email address askthepresident@ento.org we activated in order to facilitate communication between single members and the Bureau.

Best regards,

Raffaele Gareri, President of ENTO

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NEWS

EACEA Grant

On December 2009 ENTO presented its candidature for a grant from EACEA, the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency of EU Commission. Within the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP), Key Activity 3 of the Jean Monnet programme provides operating grants to support certain operational and administrative costs of European Associations active in the fields of education and training. ENTO asked for a grant of 20'000 Euros.

Unfortunately, just a few days ago EACEA communicated us that no contribution was given to ENTO. Anyway the presentation of the candidature was a good exercise for practicing with europjects and strengthening cooperation capacity.

ENTO Bureau meeting

On 29th January 2010 an ENTO bureau meeting was held in Brescia (I). On the "ENTO bureau meetings" section of www.ento.org the synopsis are available.

Among other topics, ENTO bureau evaluated different opportunities for presenting project proposals. Below in this newsletter more information are available.

In the meeting a new tool for distance conference provided by EuropaNetworking was experimented: so some participants to the meeting could keep in touch through video streaming. The experiment has been considered a success.

IMMA project

The bureau has authorized ENTO participation to "IMMA – Improvement training on management and governance for public sector". The project has been proposed by AICCRE Veneto (Italian Association of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions) and University of Brescia. The project will be submitted to the EU Lifelong Learning Programme. It aims to assure democratic, efficient and effective management of public services and will empower Public Administrations to assess their needs, test new training methods, train specific emergent professional profiles and manage customer/citizen satisfaction features.

After President of ENTO communication, also two other ENTO Members decided to participate to the project: the *Institut Provincial de Formation de Hainaut (B)* and the *Centrul Regional de Formare Continuă pentru Administrația Publică Locală București (RO)*

Member fees mater

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OPEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOINT PROJECTS

ENTO members can candidate themselves for participating at the following project proposals

For each proposals more detailed information are available on www.ento.org.



ReLOG – Regional and local governance: cooperation, associative forms and common functions for improving local public management

Proponent (Lead partner):

ERVET Regional Development Agency of Emilia Romagna Region (I)

Funding programme:

Central Europe, priority 4 – Enhancing competitiveness and attractiveness of cities and regions.

Content:

The project deals with associative forms among small local authorities. It aims at improving the operational capability of

small local authorities through the testing of a shared model of horizontal associative governance.



PATRES: Public Administration Training and coaching on Renewable Energy Systems

Proponent (Lead partner):

AREA Science park (I)

Funding programme:

Intelligent Energy Europe – IIE Programme

Content:

PATRES is supporting local authorities, public utilities and social housing bodies in implementing effective obligations and policies concerning minimum levels of energy from Renewable energy (RE) sources in their building regulations and codes for new or refurbished buildings or in the public procurement for their facilities or social housing.