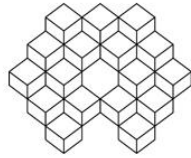


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WP 4: Handbook Making effective use of INTERREG- Funding in cross-border care

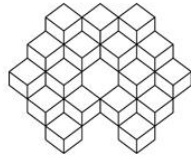
Renate Burger, Vienna



Current status of WP4:

Comparison timetable work plan – project development:

- Meeting with Martin Guillermo-Ramirez (AEBR): Finalisation of work plan – involvement of more European regions
- Research in the project partner regions
- Literature and internet research
- Survey
- In-depth-interviews
- *Meeting with Thea Remers (EUREGIO Rhine-Waal) in Vienna – for co-operation on a better informed basis. Support regarding the content of the handbook.*



Research in the project partner regions

Task: Summarize regional information and activities (according a predefined structure)

Responsibility: project partners (GM, UM, Kreis Heinsberg, ERW, LIGA.NRW)

Deadline: July 2009 – Delay: August 2009

LIGA NRW: Summary about EUREGIO I

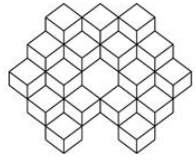
ERW: a lot of background information about cross-border health projects

Kreis Heinsberg: short overview of activities in Kreis Heinsberg

GM: summary of available regional information and activities

Further steps?

Focus on one of the New Member States



Literature- and Internet Research

Task: Collection, Analysis and summary of general information on INTERREG, Structural funds and the effective use of these funds for health projects within Europe

Responsibility: GM, UM

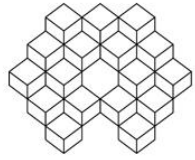
Deadline: July 2009 – Delay: September 2009

GM: summary of “Managing Structural Funds”. Publication of the ALSO-Project was not available

UM: review of different INTERREG-Websites, 2 papers for EUREGIO III.

Further steps?

Special focus on little experienced Member States / factors that obstruct or promote health projects



Survey

Task: Development, distribution and analysis of a questionnaire – to collect general information about:

- main problems of cross-border health services
- possibilities and problems to use EU Structural Funds to solve these problems
- possibilities to support activities concerning the development of cross-border health services and the effective use of EU Structural Funds

Responsibility: GM/UM, PP – Distribution: AEBR, HOPE

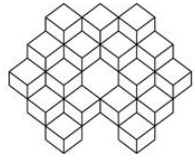
Deadline: September 2009 – Delay: November 2009

GM + UM: Development of the questionnaire

Input/feedback-process: ERW, AEBR, HOPE

Distribution: AEBR, HOPE

Analysis & Summary: UM



In-depth-interviews

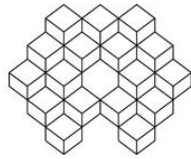
Task: Development of an interview-guideline – interviews with 5 key-stakeholders/region – transcription and summary of the interviews for getting more detailed information about:

- main problems of cross-border health services
- possibilities and problems to use EU Structural Funds to solve these problems
- possibilities to support activities concerning the development of cross-border health services and the effective use of EU Structural Funds

Responsibility: GM/UM, PP

Deadline: January 2009 (guideline)

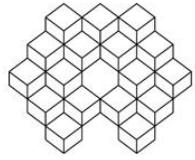
GM: collection of possible questions for an interview-guideline



Deficits/challenges within the realisation of WP4

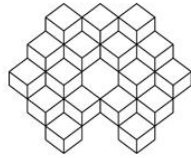
Roles in WP 4

- GM: coordination of the project, interviews and research in the Central European Region, support to the development of the questionnaire and interview-guideline, summary of the results of the project partners.
- The projects partners (University Maastricht, Kreis Heinsberg, Euregio Rhine-Waal, LIGA.NRW): providing information from their regions (research, in-depth-interviews), by contributing text modules, giving feedback to the questionnaire and the interview-guideline, commenting the draft version.
- Hope and AEBR: providing support for the dissemination of the questionnaire, for the selection of stakeholders in the regions and for the test of the final version of the handbook. AEBR will conduct some of the interviews.



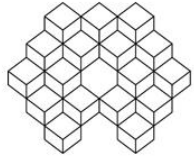
Input of the project partners - resources of the project partners

- *Summaries/Text modules*
- *(More) Input from different European Regions*
- *Responsibility and resources for the development of the structure and especially the content of the handbook*



Possible approaches?

- Increase of the time budget (projected working days) of WP-leader
- Regroupment of the EUREGIOII-budget and/or of the budgets granted to project partners (conference fees, etc.)
- Necessity of a budget for translations (interview-guidelines, regional materials etc.) and/or the purchase of know-how/experts (HTA, etc.)
- Necessity of a budget for small workshops (besides the official EUREGIO II-meetings)
- Close co-operation with EUREGIO Rhine-Waal: necessity of a budget for translation
- More input from other European regions in form of summaries (according the given structure): Budget for a special edition of the „Journal of Public Health“ - possibility of publication (papers, summaries of in-depth-interviews, etc.)



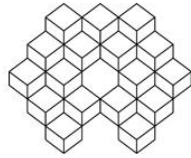
Preliminary structure of the draft version of the handbook – focus of the handbook

Introduction:

Short description EUREGIO II, intention handbook,
Continuity/context with EUREGIO I (input LIGA.NRW: results of EUREGIO I)

INTERREG:

Relevant regulations Structural Fund INTERREG (Literature- and Internet-Research, input UM: papers “Stimulating change as important added value: Learning from past experiences” and “EU SF funding of health related projects: Some critical aspects to be discussed within EUREGIO III, GM: Managing Structural Funds”. A Step-by-Step Practical Handbook for the health sector)



Cross-border health care in Europe:

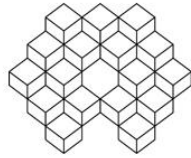
Overview of cross-border health-care on behalf of 2-3 regions:
Special focus on differences of cross-border health-projects within Europe; detailed description of selected regions (Input project partners: EUREGIO Rhine-Waal, Central Europe (and New Member State?))

Structure of the article:

- History of cross-border health projects and regional activities
- available guidelines/materials for the effective use of INTERREG- funds
- criteria, indicators for effective health projects
- available regional publications and webbased-information
- Models of Good Practice
- projects that failed and reasons why they failed

Focus of chapter:

- Putting a spotlight on different stages of development of cross-border health projects and the activities in different European Regions
- pointing out regional determined problems/challenges of cross-border co-operation
- Main challenges for cross-border health services within different regions in Europe
- Indicators and criteria for cross-border health care projects to be effective



Promoting and hindering factors for cross-border co-operation in the health sector:

Analysis & Summary of the results of the survey and the in-depth-interviews, as well as of the project partner regions.

Here we try to identify:

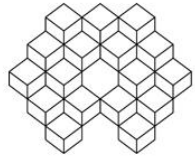
- Criteria for Models of Good Practice and projects that failed
- Barriers for effective cross-border co-operation immanent to the national and regional systems
- Barriers of funding-programmes within Europe

Practical hints for project actors

Real support for the development and realization of cross-border health projects:

check-lists (e.g. AEBR), materials (Euregio Rhine-Waal) / Links and information about helpful materials / Summary of important key factors for successful cross-border health projects, etc.)

Literature

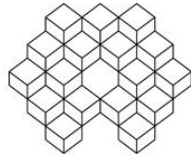


EUREGIO II: deficits/challenges

- No information about other WP´s (Working plans, time tables, roles of pp) – little communication and interaction between involved project partners
- Little information about EUREGIO II and the project development in general (e.g. EUPHA-application, etc.)
- very short-term announcement of meetings and agendas

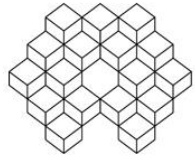
Possible approaches:

- *Production of a newsletter to provide information about WP´s and EUREGIO II in general.*
- *Webbased-information on the EUREGIO II-Website:
News and meetings*
- *More networking and shared-information by the leadpartner*
- *More active communication between and within the Working Groups*



Discussion on the development of an interview-guideline for the in-depth-interviews

- *Presentation of the preliminary list of questions (hand-out: sent to pp via e-mail)*
- *Completion of this list of questions by project partners (deadline for the feedback-process/input: 14th of December 2009)*
- *Discussion of the need for specification of the questionnaire related to the different interviewees (e.g. project-actors, programme management, public authorities, policy makers, etc)*
- *Discussion of the need for a more precise specification of the sample for the in-depth-interviews*
- *Including questions related to other WP´s? (WP5; WP6)*



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