

SPREADING THE EUROPEAN WORK AND EXPERIENCE OF THE COMMUNITY OF SALT

Learning session:

INNOVATIVE CITIES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION FRAMEWORK

How to participate in European programs and projects

Session addressed at officials and employees of the Municipality of Tarragona, Catalonia.
Monday 26th of March 2012

Place: Municipality of Tarragona



Tarragona is one of the provinces that makes up the Autonomous Catalan Region. It is also the capital of the 'Costa Dorada' with over 160 kms of coastline.

Tarragona city is situated on a hill next to the sea, something which as well as being important strategically, gives it excellent views over the Mediterranean. It is principally a port city which has evolved and adapted over time. The petrochemical industry is an important industry for this province; the port is used for its transportation. In fact it is the second most used port in the whole of Spain.

One of the most outstanding features of Tarragona city is its important monumental heritage which is currently being evaluated by UNESCO to see whether it can be awarded world heritage status.

The Municipality of Salt and Baobab association were invited as speakers to explain their involvement in European projects and the implementing experience in the Community of Salt.

Attended the workshop Maribel Pena and Mireia Masgrau.



The main aim of the workshop was to deepen the knowledge of the following points:

- To consider the active role of the local entities
- To explain the basic lines of the agenda EUROPE 2020
- To know the new financial perspective 2014-2020
- To share good practices in European projects
- To know the tools to participate in European projects



The participation of the representatives was explained in two ways: on the one hand Mireia Masgrau explained the impact of Xploit project in the community of Salt: how Salt is starting to be an example. The importance of networking, involvement of learning institutions, stakeholders, to work on the community needs by exploiting the European resources and learning how to exploit and re-think the existing local resources. On the other hand Maribel Pena explained the experience to work on the LABlearning project from the public administrative point of view.

PROGRAM OF THE WORKSHOP

- *Presentation of the workshop* by Mr. Joan Font, Secretary-General. Municipality of Tarragona.
- *Tarragona direct Europe to serve the citizens and Municipality Departments* by Mrs. Marta Domenech, Responsible for the European Department, Municipality of Tarragona.
- *New strategy for Europe 2020-Smart cities* by Mr. Joaquim Millan, Director of EuroLocal.
- *EU as a platform for the projection of the cities*, by Mrs. Olivia Paton, Director of International Relations of Diputació de Barcelona
- *Cities leading the economic development of territories*, by Mrs. Alicia Romero, Director of entrepreneurship department of Global Idea.
- *New EU financial perspectives: 2014-2020 budget* by Mr. Dimitri Barva, Communication manager for the European Commission representation in Barcelona.
- *Opportunities for participation in European projects* by Mrs. Anna Farràs, technique of European and International relations, Municipality of Terrassa.

Case studies:

- *The UE and the youth; Europe to school and the Junior University*
- *Creating enterprise trough a European project*
- *LABlearning European project and Computer Clubhouse initiative in the community of Salt*
- *Xploit project: how can the Salt collaborative infrastructures be exploited by other communities in Catalonia.*