



West Sweden

Partner Search from West Sweden

Programme:	Leonardo da Vinci - Partnership
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Organisation:	<p>Municipality of Vänersborg - Sweden - Social Services Department</p> <p>Vänersborg has approximately 37 000 inhabitants and is located in the western part of Sweden, at the south west corner of lake Vänern. Vänersborg's Social Services Department offers services within individual & family care and care services for disabled as well as elderly. Vänersborg is one of Sweden's leading municipalities regarding elderly care, including dementia.</p> <p>Vänersborg has already a well established collaboration with voluntary organisations. Nevertheless, Vänersborg together with its partner, the district of Kreis-Offenbach in Germany, feels it is both desirable and necessary to improve and clarify the work and interface between professionals and volunteers in the field of elderly care.</p>
Project idea:	<p>Municipality of Vänersborg is now looking for European partners interested to participate in a two year project starting in 2012. The deadline for applications is in February 2012. A preparatory meeting to finalise the application is planned in Nov/Dec 2011 in Vänersborg in Sweden. The Municipality of Vänersborg will take the role as lead partner/applicant for the project.</p> <p>Project idea: Demographic change and the ageing of the population requires local social authorities to ensure a good quality of life for the elderly, also for elderly people in need of care and in the case of people with dementia.</p> <p>In this context, the local social authorities also have to ensure the participation of the elderly in the cultural and social life of their local community. These tasks are connected to the necessity to develop inclusive local communities and to increase citizen's involvement. One way to do this is by working more actively in the field of volunteering.</p> <p>The main objective of the EU-funded project is to develop guidelines</p>

	<p>for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the recruitment of volunteers working in the field of elderly care, • their training and their supervision, • the cooperation between professionals and volunteers <p>Concerning cooperation it is necessary to ensure that volunteers do not replace professionals. The project thus should establish what are the additional tasks volunteers should be allowed to carry out in the elderly care sector.</p> <p>The following activities are planned:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kick off meeting Study visits 2. Midterm meeting Study visits 3. Final meeting <p>Between the meetings, the project partners will send their trainees (professionals of the participating authorities) on study visits to the other partners, to learn how the partners work with volunteers, how they train the volunteers and how they frame the cooperation and relation between professionals and volunteers.</p> <p>We are now searching for additional partners for the project. So, if you find this proposal interesting, please do not hesitate to make contact for further details at latest the 30th of September 2011.</p>
Partners searched:	Project partners from all EU-countries.
Key words:	Elderly and social care, recruitment of volunteers
Project period:	2012 - 2014
Other information:	The district of Kreis-Offenbach in Germany - Youth, family and social department, is very much interested in the area, and have already expressed their interest in joining the proposal as a project partner.