

VALUE Network Management Group Meeting

Tuesday 16th November 2010
Lille, FR



Minutes of Meeting

Present: Carol Stewart, Alison Hughes, (University of Liverpool, UK), Malgorzata Kolodziejczyk (BPU, PL), Nick Ockenden (IVR, UK), Dr Andrea Waxenegger (University of Graz, AT)

Apologies: Ksenija Fonovic (CSVnet, IT)

1. Minutes of meeting

These were accepted.

2. Administrative Update

CS reported that:

- There are no outstanding contractual issues but there have been changes to the representatives from some partners – OTS currently represented by Pau Vidal Garcia and Leuphana University by Sonja Moissidis. Seerp de Blauw will attend the Network meeting in place of Ruud Duvekot. Emese Marosszeki (SGF) has been out of touch for some time but the coordinator will continue to try to establish contact.
- The Network is operating within budget. Lower attendance at the Lille meeting will mean a budget under-spend in terms of both time and travel
- Website resources are slowly being built up but with significant input from coordinating institution. Expert Contacts continue to be slow in terms of submissions.
- The RPG meets 16th Nov to consider quality issues / web developments.

3. 3rd Network meeting, Lille, FR November 2010

The agenda for the business meeting was confirmed.

The structure of the debate on barriers and opportunities for collaboration was discussed. NO suggested that it could be useful to re-visit the issues raised in the national reports and to see if anything has changes – particularly in the light of the changing economic context and this was supported. NO agreed to present a summary of issues to open discussion and to encourage discussion of how the crisis might offer more opportunities for collaboration.

4. Sub-Group Work

Each sub-group leader provided a brief verbal report (see also written versions)

It was agreed that the final sub-group reports should be completed by the next MG meeting in Rome in March 2011. It was noted that the reports will differ in that they will reflect differing approaches and

activities but that they will also have features in common such as introduction, activity description, key issues, resources plus any views on barriers/opportunities for collaborative development. The variable content reflects the individuality of the groups and richness of the partnership. CS reported that sub-group dissemination reports should be an added layer of reflection which identifies the kind of organisations which may be interested in the focused work of the group.

The MG briefly discussed the sub-group process and it was agreed that group size was probably too small and this should be noted in the final report to the EC.

5. Website Resources

- National Reports on ULLL-Volunteering

NO to follow up finalisation of RO report with RD

It was agreed that Dr Valeria Pavluska (University of Pecs, Citizenship sub-group expert) should be asked to write the HU report as EM has been unable to commit the time to this work. Opportunities for the translation of reports were discussed and it was agreed that it could be useful for the DE report to be translated into TR, and the SK report into DE.

In addition to translation into the languages of the partnership the summary could also be translated into FR. This would be discussed at the Network business meeting.

The issue of sustainability of the resources after the formal project end was discussed.

Suggestions included: uses of ISBN nos, use of the IVR Practice Bank, maintenance of the UOL hosted website, Facebook. This issue also to be re-visited at the next MG meeting.

- Glossary

MH is working on this and will send round a draft for comment

- Bibliography & Web Links

It was agreed that where individual country lists were lengthy, lists would continue on a word document via a clickable link. Once lists are finalised, all (bibliography) lists would become available as separate documents.

- Case Studies & Expert Contacts

More are required and this would be discussed at the Network business meeting.

CS reported that all navigation issues would be dealt with once content was finalised and that usage statistics would be circulated.

6. Dissemination & Valorisation

It was agreed that valorisation work is difficult to capture in report form. Partners would therefore be asked to supplement reports with a reflective summary. It was also suggested that post-it notes should be made available at the network meeting to allow partners to note down key learning points that occur to them during discussions. This was agreed.

It was reported that, as an experiment, a Facebook page and Facebook group had been set up for Value. The purpose is to help internal discussion and dissemination / exploitation beyond the Network. Some concern was expressed as to the workload involved in maintaining the pages. The Coordinator to report back to the next meeting.

7. Evaluation

It was noted that the Evaluator was due to circulate the 2nd survey questionnaire in January/February. It was agreed that it would be useful to review the results at the next MG meeting in Rome in March.

8. Value Conference Planning

i. Administrative Issues

It was agreed that:

- it would be desirable for the conference dinner to be within walking distance of the hotel – possibly in the hotel itself, CS to investigate
- The MG would meet on Tuesday 7th June

ii. The Conference Programme

The following points were noted:

- The programme structure, as presented in the papers, was broadly agreed
- Ozlem Unluhisarcikli could possibly follow on directly from Marian Harkin in the opening session
- NO to approach Prof. J Annette as a possible 3rd plenary speaker
- It is important to have a balance of University/volunteering contributions especially in the plenary sessions. NO to report back on other possible voluntary sector speakers following the CEV GA.
- Workshops:
 - AH to get conformation from RD & JM that they will do a workshop
 - Value experts will be invited to contribute a workshop
 - The TR Grundtvig Agency will be invited to do a workshop
 - As far as possible ppt presentations will be translated in advance.
 - Any workshops in TR would have some EN translation
 - Workshop leaders will be encouraged to leave plenty of time for discussion.
- A template for workshops would be produced
- Chairs for the day would be appointed
- A brief for speakers would be produced
- TR voluntary organisations could be asked to present their work during day 2