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Arrival day

Informal welcome, registration and distribution of the meeting's working material. Assistance provided by the TAMPEP staff.

Monday | 29 September 2008

Chair: Ruth Morgan Thomas

The chair of the first day, Ruth Morgan Thomas, provided an overview of the agenda and presented the purposes of the European Expert Meeting.

- **Welcome words**

Licia Brussa, the General Coordinator, welcomed the participants of the meeting and explained that it was a working meeting where the evaluation of the progress of work with regard to realisation of Work Packages (WP) would be carried out.

- **State of Affairs – Interim results concerning realisation of the Work Packages -**

Licia Brussa presented the review of the contents of the programme TAMPEP 8 and underlined the fact that the structure of TAMPEP 8 differs considerably from the previous programmes, which forms a new experience and challenge in terms of management and sharing of management for the members of the Network. One of the consequences of this new structure is that there is a need for more efficient and transparent communication among all partners, Steering Committee (SC), Regional Coordinators (RC) and WP coordinators (WPC).

TAMPEP programme is based on 8 WPs that are coordinated by WPC – and every WP had a specific working methodology, procedure and outcome. The process of carrying out activities stayed as entity, but the tools, tasks, step by step guidelines, time frame stay in the same framework. All partners participate simultaneously in the WPs. The cooperation is based on clear aims, concrete outcomes, effective communication, discipline and strict adherence to the timetable.

After the short introduction about the aims and the outcomes that are in preparation, the GC shortly reviewed the contents and actual results of the WPs.

WP 1 | Coordination is based on national, regional and European levels of coordination and has 4 common meetings: 2 GM, one European Expert Meeting (EEM) and one

Regional Commissions (RC) meeting. It means that every six months there is a moment of sharing the knowledge, reinforce the resources, compare data and the effects in practical implementation.

WP 4 | Prostitution Mapping is based on collection of qualitative and quantitative data regarding national and migrant sex workers' population in 24 countries. The aim is to observe and compare regional trends and to carry out analysis based on common tools that will result in European prostitution mapping report. The deadlines have been observed, although a slight delay in provision of statistical report has occurred, due to difficulties in elaboration of the data entered in the data base.

WP 5 | Laws and Policies has the aim to assess and collect data on: sex work, migration and health and to analyse the effects and consequences of laws and policies on the living and working conditions of sex workers. This will result in European Juridical & Policy Mapping Report. Until now there are some gaps in provision of the information from some partners. It is expected that the EEM will form an opportunity for the analysis of the gaps and for provision of the necessary guidelines and advice.

WP 6 | Work Safe in Sex Work: Good practice manual for capacity building regarding the following fields: outreach activities (outreach strategies for indoor and street prostitution), peer education (one of the most efficient educational strategies for mobile populations), campaigns for clients (strategies for promoting safer sex among clients of sex workers), advocacy campaigns (strategies of promoting sex workers' human rights) will be produced. The selection of the good practices has been effectuated and during the meeting the consultations with the selected partners will take place.

WP 7 | www.services4sexworkers.eu: the aim is to create an online directory of services that are anonymous, free of charge, and non-discriminatory. All the partners collected data of proven good practices health and social service providers and entered it into the website. In total there are 312 entries. The website will be officially launched in December 2008. The launching campaign will be designed during the EEM.

WP 4

Results of the national prostitution mappings, highlighting areas for attention

Licia Brussa

WP 4 coordinator, made an overview of the realisation of the mapping of prostitution in 24 countries. There have been 300 entries in the data base; ranging from 8 organisations in the country (Estonia) to 54 (Germany). Before the EEM, every partner had an opportunity to review the statistical report regarding their country.

The statistic report is the first step in the analysis and in the preparation of the national report and an opportunity to analyse and compare data in order to capture the discrepancies between the statistic data, the estimation of the national situation as according to pre-analysis of the National Coordinator (NC) and from the additional sources. For example, in the UK, the data on proportion of male and female sex workers is not completely reliable because some questionnaires had been sent to the projects that work exclusively with male sex workers. It resulted in overestimation of the number of male sex workers in the country. Therefore it is so important to realise that the statistic report is merely a base of

the analysis and that the NC will have to analyse the data coming from the questionnaires, review it one by one, detect and cover the gaps, make a national estimation, assess the geographical balance of sources of information, explain the misunderstandings and thus make a correction of statistical data.

The same concerns the data on the number nationalities of the sex workers in the country, which seems to be cumulative. We have developed a new tool on how to size the actual number of the nationalities of sex workers in a country.

Additionally, an important part of the analysis will be the comparison of the data from this mapping with the one carried out in 2006.

The detailed discussion about the gaps, mistakes, common trends and inaccuracies took place in the working groups.

- **WP 4 Working groups** - Discussion and analysis of national mappings and preparation for the national reports.

Group 1: Veronica Munk & Ruth Morgan Thomas (Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, United Kingdom)

- review of the statistical reports
- clarification of the questions
- formulation of the needs
 - Many participants described their difficulty in getting responses from NGOs and GOs regarding the mapping questionnaire. The group discussed different ways of approaching the organisations in order to get reliable information for the mapping.
 - Regarding the statistical results the group discussed about what should be considered and done in order to get more information and keep the results realistic.

Group 2: Licia Brussa & Hanka Mongard (Austria, Bulgaria, Denmark, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Romania, Slovenia, Estonia, France):

- review of the statistical reports
- clarification of the questions
- formulation of the needs
 - to turn to other correspondents (projects that work with male sex workers and with transgender) in order to have a more balanced view of the prostitution scene (relation female/male/transgender sex workers) (NL, Austria, Lithuania, Estonia, Slovenia)
 - to review the proportion of indoor/outdoor prostitution (Austria, Lithuania, Italy)
 - how to capture the nationalities of the sex workers (Estonia: a significant group of local sex workers is of Russian origin)
 - to assess the proportion between migrant and national sex workers (DK, France)
 - to assess the exact composition of the nationalities (Austria, Greece)
 - to assess the percentage of incomes that sex workers may keep for themselves (Estonia)

WP 5

Presentation of the assessment of the national reports and general comments on the results

Bernardette Karner, Maria Cristina Boidi

The WPC asked the NCs to look after following comments:

- To be clear, that this questionnaire does not focus only on the juridical systems but also on the policy systems! For this it is important to identify aspects that affect the human rights of sex workers, aspects that produce exclusion and criminalization and difficulties in providing access to health prevention, care and treatment.
- In order to prepare the final European report on WP5, for the WPC it is important, that the NCs use the structure of the questionnaire.
- Trafficking: the WPC would like to clarify, that the focus of the questionnaire is sex work, therefore the detailed information relating to trafficking is not needed.

One to one consultation with National Coordinators: Discussion with NCs about content of national reports and additional information required, done by:

Group 1: Bernadette Karner and Jaana Kauppinen: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland and Romania

Group 2: Cristina Boidi & Veronica Munk: Belgium, Hungary, Greece, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain

The dialog between the WPC and the NCs was very fruitful, and it enabled a better understanding of the content and aim of the questionnaire. Thanks to this individual consultations the partners will be able to give a comprehensive picture of the complicated relation and impact of the policies on the systems on sex work. And it was very important for the further process to collect the feedback of the NC as experts on the specific impact in their country on sex workers health and rights.

- **Individual time:** parallel to the consultations on WP 5, NC review and amend national reports.
- **Informal networking:** Opportunity for exchanging information about national legislative and policy changes

TUESDAY | 30 September 2008

Chair: **Ruth Morgan Thomas**

The chair of the second day, Ruth Morgan Thomas, proceeded by providing a review of the agenda of the day and sum up the main points of the first day.

WP 6

Presentation of the national examples of good practices and the first draft of the manual

The WP 6 Coordinator, presented the first draft of the manual **Work Safe in Sex Work**. All the partners had already received this same draft some weeks before, via email, in order to facilitate the exchange and the discussion regarding the further steps for the development of the Manual. The SC and the WPC had already selected the 14 cases which would appear in a more detailed version. However, all examples of good practice will be used in the Manual as comparison and/or reference. The NC approved the choice of the 14 selected examples. Afterwards, the WPC explained what would be the next steps in general and in particular to those NC who had their examples selected.

Another important point was to define the recommendations on good practice which would appear in the Manual. The idea was that this very important part of the Manual should be done by the entire network, the result of all the organisations' long term experience in the field. Therefore the participants were divided in two groups with the task of coming up with a list of recommendations for those using the Manual in the future. To facilitate this exercise, the groups were told to use the *traffic light system*: green (recommended), yellow (be aware), and red (to avoid).

WP 6 working groups: Brainstorming about general recommendations to be included in the manual

Group 1: Veronica Munk & Hanka Mongard: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland and Romania

Group 2: Jaana Kauppinen & Bernadette Karner: Belgium, Hungary, Greece, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and United Kingdom.

The *traffic light system* was very useful for this exercise because it facilitated very much the recognition of what was really to be prioritised when recommending guidelines for activities. The brainstorming was therefore very effective and the results structured, giving clear and practical advice for those using the Manual in the future.

- **Feedback from WP 6 working groups:** Agreement on general recommendations to be included in the manual
The results of the brainstorming were put together, merging the similar ones. The results of the recommendations will be worked out by the WPC and will appear in the second draft of the Manual.
- **Consultation with selected participants**
During the meeting with the NCs of the selected examples of good practice, the WPC explained which points should be considered and prioritised when describing the case in a deeper manner. All questions were clarified and the new deadline was agreed on. Below is the list of countries and issues regarding each of the selected examples.

Outreach Work

- Indoor: Bulgaria (apartments, brothels, clubs)
- Outdoor: Romania (mobile unit)
- Internet: UK
- Border Area: Germany – Czech Republic (indoor); Estonia (outdoor)

Peer Education: Finland (Russian sex workers)

Campaigns for Clients

- Local: Germany
- Nationwide: Germany

- Internet: Spain

Advocacy Campaigns: Austria (campaign for general public, policy makers, residents)

Miscellaneous

- Drop-in Centres: Portugal (Counselling centre), Slovakia (Open space)

- Information Materials: Italy (game)

- Training: the Netherlands (language course)

WP 7

Presentation of the overview of the national responses and the website. Explanation of how to use the website

Pia Covre

The website with part of the data already inserted was shown to the entire group of expert participants to facilitate their comprehension of the function.

The user's manual was distributed and an interactive demonstration was set up for all the participants so that they could learn how to insert data and to update the directory.

At the end of November all the NCs will review the inserted data for necessary updates prior to on-line website publication.

Planning publicity: Discussion and decisions on launch and publicity campaign for website
A group brainstorming session was held to determine the launch date for the opening of the on-line website

- The launch will be linked to the international campaign of 17 December – the day against violence against sex workers.
- A press release will be prepared to be used in common by all the partners in leaflet format.
- Banners will be prepared for linking the websites of our partners and other organisations and available agencies.
- A list of addresses for dissemination at national, European, and international levels will be prepared.

Publicity ongoing

- The info about the website will be included in our leaflets
- European business card/leaflet/stickers can be produced with the online address
- Link our own site with the www.service4sexworkers.eu
- Banners could be included in escorts' websites
- Dissemination of materials at conferences/meetings/ etc.

WP 8

Cross border partners meeting: analysis of cross border situation using prostitution and service mapping results

Pia Covre, Veronica Munk, Hanka Mongard/ Licia Brussa, Maria Cristina Boidi

Bilateral meetings between the two cross border partners. Design of the programme of the assessment of the situation on both sides of the border: meeting with local service providers, making concrete appointments of cooperation.

Italy & Slovenia

The first results of prostitution mapping have confirmed what already had been discussed between the NCs: around the border zone there is a big mobility on both sides. The knowledge about this phenomenon comes also from the project that the Italian partner of TAMPEP has been running for several years in the region of Friuli Venezia Giulia.

The two partners agreed to carry out visits to the sex clubs on Slovenian territory, to get in contact with the club's managers and the sex workers. Slovenian NC will contact and arrange a visit also to the local health services. Due to the fact that the citizens share almost a common territory (Gorizia) the services will be involved in both parts. A list of proposal for the services and a package with safe sex materials and information have been already prepared in order to facilitate the contact with the sex workers and the managers of the clubs.

Germany & Poland: the two partners agreed about the data of the visit – end of January – and about the strategy. Germany would contact the organisation Belladonna, an NGO in Frankfurt-Oder, the German border town to Poland, which has great experience in cross border outreach work in this area. There would be a visit of the TAMPEP-Germany workers to this NGO and to the local health care service. The next day, the exchange will be in Szczecin, were TADA would arrange a meeting with local organisations. It was also agreed about the points to consider and discuss during the visit.

Netherlands & Belgium: agreement to visit a partner organisation in Liege (Espace P.); contacting GGD in Maastricht for cooperation in the cross border project. Possible visit to Antwerp – from where a big exodus of sex workers towards the Netherlands has occurred recently.

Austria & Czech Republic: We agreed with our Czech partner from “Bliss without risk” to meet on the Austrian-Czech border, on the Czech side, because sex work is concentrated there. Together we will make outreach work – visiting clubs, brothels and the street - in the area of Znojmo, Mikulov and Breclav. The goal of this visit is to observe the sex work scene and their working and living conditions, and to find out if there service providers are existing or if other possibilities to access health services are possible.

WEDNESDAY | 1 st October 2008

Chair: **Ruth Morgan Thomas**

The meeting was open by the chair with the introduction and the review of agenda and purpose of each session.

The plans for the morning included the presentation of Licia Brussa that outlined the deadlines for the final Work Packages and final clarification were presented.

- **WP 3** review of TAMPEP 8 and state of affairs

Ruth Morgan Thomas, WP3 coordinator, presented the results of the evaluation matrix completed by the NCs at the GM in February 08 and asked participants who had not completed the matrix to provide it by the end of the meeting. Participants were advised that

reflecting on the changes recorded when completing the Interim and final evaluation matrixes would form an integral part of the final national evaluation report process they would be required to complete following the GM in September 2009.

- **PARALLEL SESSIONS:** final clarification opportunities for NCs about work packages, financial reports & timesheets.

NC in groups of 3 moved around the 6 facilitators (WPs, Finance and Timesheets) spending 20 minutes at each corner in order to clarify any remaining questions about tasks and timetables for WPs and contractual obligations in relation to financial reporting and recording working hours on timesheets

- **Final Remarks, deadlines and closing of the EEM**

TAMPEP Coordinator thanked the participants for their hard work at the meeting and their input in the discussions and the design of the activities. She presented also the deadlines with regard to realisation of the WPs:

- **WP 4:** 15 October: correction of data/revision of the statistical report
- **WP 5:** 31 October: questionnaires updated
- **WP 6:** 31 October: information added
- **WP 7:** 30 November: updated directory, summary over Legal Framework sent to Pia

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	Organisation	Participants
Austria	LEFÖ	Maria Cristina Boidi Bernadette Karner
Belgium	Espace P...	Isabelle Jaramillo
Bulgaria	HESED	Boryana Madzhova
Czech Republic	Rozkoš bez Rizika	Petra Hamernikova
Denmark	National Board of Social Services	Ann Maskell Lis Døssing
Estonia	Aids-I Tugikeskus	Juri Kalikov
Finland	Pro-tukipiste	Jaana Kauppinen Minna Houvinen
France	PASST	Gentiana Malo
France	Autres Regards	Lucile Favet
Germany	Amnesty for Women	Veronica Munk
Greece	ACT UP	Costantin Kaburakis
Hungary	Sex Educational Foundation	Péter Csépe
Italy	Comitato per I Diritti Civili delle Prostitute	Pia Covre
Lithuania	Lithuanian AIDS Centre	Svetlana Kulsis
Luxemburg	DropIn	Carmen Kronshagen
Netherlands	TAMPEP International Foundation	Licia Brussa Hanka Mongard
Norway	Pro-Sentret	Liv Jessen Arne Randers-Pehrson
Poland	TADA	Tatiana Duklas
Portugal	Autoestima	M.C. Peixoto da Eira
Romania	ARAS	Sorin Briceag
Slovakia	Odysseus	Lubica Tornoczyova
Slovenia	CARS	Evita Leskovsek
Spain	HETAIRA	Silvia Garcia Menendez
United Kingdom	SCOT-PEP	Ruth Morgan Thomas

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Monday / 29 September 2008

Time	Activity	Content	Facilitators & Speakers	Place
9.30 – 9.45	Opening	Welcome and announcements	Licia Brussa	Plenary room
9.45 – 10.00	Introduction	Review of the agenda and contents of the Expert Meeting Distribution of interim evaluation matrix to be returned by 6pm Tuesday 30 Sep 2008	Ruth Morgan Thomas	Plenary room
10.00 – 10.30	Overview of TAMPEP 8 work packages	State of Affairs – Interim results concerning realisation of the WPs	Licia	Plenary room
10.30 – 11.00	Overview of WP 4	Results of the national prostitution mappings + highlighting area for attention	Licia	Plenary room
11.00 – 11.30	Break			
11.30 – 13.00	WP4 - Working groups	Discussion and analysis of national mappings and preparation for the national reports	Group one Veronica Munk & Ruth Group two Licia & Hanka Mongard	Plenary room 4 th floor meeting room
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch in canteen			
14.30 – 15.00	WP 4 – Feedback from working groups		Licia & Veronica	Plenary room
15.00 – 15.30	Overview of WP 5	Presentation of the assessment of the national reports and general comments on the results	Cristina Boidi & Bernadette Karner	Plenary room
15.30 – 18.00	PARALLEL SESSIONS			
	One to one consultation with National Coordinators	Discussion with NCs about content of national reports and additional information required	Cristina & Veronica Bernadette & Jaana Kauppinen	Plenary room
	Individual time	National Coordinators to review and amend national reports		Plenary room or Canteen
	Informal networking	Opportunity for exchanging information about national legislative and policy changes		Canteen
18.00 – 19.00	Drinks in canteen			

Tuesday / 30 September 2008

Time	Activity	Content	Facilitators & Speakers	Place
9.30 – 9.45	Introduction	Review of agenda for the day	Ruth	Plenary room
09.45 – 10.15	Overview of WP6	Presentation of the national examples of good practices and the draft of the manual	Veronica	Plenary room
10.15 – 11.00	WP6 working groups	Brainstorming about general recommendations to be included in manual	Group 1 - Veronica & Hanka Group 2 - Jaana & Bernadette	Plenary room 4th floor meeting room
11.00 – 11.30	Break			
11.30 – 12.30	feedback from WP6 working groups	Agree general recommendations to be included in the manual	Veronica & Jaana	Plenary room
12.30 – 13.00	Consultation with selected participants	Work Package Coordinator will provide detailed instructions for selected National Coordinators	Veronica	Plenary room
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch in canteen			

14.30 – 15.30	Overview of WP 7	Presentation of the overview of the national responses and the website Explanation of how to use the website.	Pia Covre	Plenary room
15.30 – 16.00	Break			
16.00 – 17.00	WP7 – planning publicity	Discuss and decide on launch and publicity campaign for website	Pia & Ruth	Plenary room
17.00 – 18.00	WP8 – cross border partners meeting	Analysis of cross border situation – using prostitution and service mapping results	Italy & Slovenia Germany & Poland Netherlands & Belgium Austria & Czech Republic	Plenary room
17.00 – 19.00	Drinks in canteen			

Wednesday / 01 October 2008

Time	Activity	Content	Facilitators & Speakers	Place
09.30 - 9.45	Introduction	Review of agenda for the day	Ruth	Plenary room
9.45 – 10.30	WP3 Overview	review of TAMPEP 8 and state of affairs	Ruth	Plenary room
10.30 – 13.00	PARALLEL SESSIONS	final clarification opportunities for National Coordinators about work packages, financial reports & timesheets		Plenary room
National Coordinators must attend ALL 6 sessions	WP4	National Coordinators in groups of 3 will move around the 6 facilitators spending 20 minutes at each corner to clarify ➤ any remaining questions about tasks and timetables for the work packages AND ➤ contractual obligations in relation to financial reporting and recording working hours on timesheets	Hanka	corner 1
	WP5		Cristina/Bernadette	corner 2
	WP6		Veronica	corner 3
	WP7		Pia	corner 4
	Finance		Licia	corner 5
	Timesheets		Ruth	corner 6
13.00 – 14.30	Final Remarks and Closing of the EEM		Licia	Plenary room