



Partnership for Rural Europe

Thematic Working Groups :

**ENCOURAGING THE NETWORKING IN
RURAL AREAS**

TWG NR 3 :

NETWORKING ACROSS ETHNICITIES



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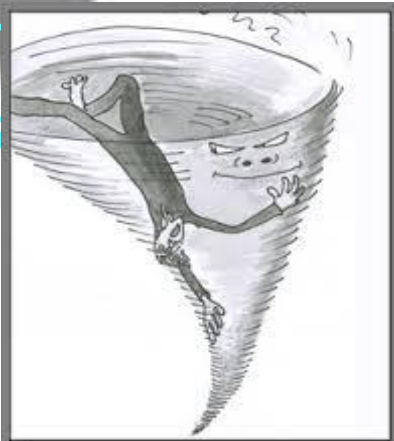


Networking across ethnicities

- **Our WG was small but beautiful**
- **We were fully aware of the issue , and shared own experiences**
- **We were able to identify the manipulative nature of projections upon ethnicities**
- **We recognized main obstacles in faulse intepretation of so called ethnicity issues and offered new approach towards improved communication and networking**

Networking across ethnicities

- Focussing on bad experience from the past creates a downward spiral in communication and makes it manipulative at all levels from to politics
- We recommend to switch attention to positive experience
- To strengthen identity of each individual = advantage richness diversity





Networking across ethnicities

- Manipulation of the ethnicity issue lies in accusing = violent communication
- Misuse of the values of ethnicity are often tightly bound to **CORRUPTION**
- **CORRUPTION = VIOLENT COMMUNICATION**

- Bright sides of ethnicity:
- Ethnic identities shall be recognized as advantage potential and complementary value(s)
= NON VIOLENT COMMUNICATION



Networking across ethnicities

- Change the vision and the image of the future
- Upgrading community spirit
- Introduce new self esteem of communities at different levels by recognizing individual values, potentially generated from the diversity of various ethnic identities
- Paving solid economic and social paths towards common future



Networking across ethnicities

- New vision on the community level focusing on permanent vigilance on corruption
- This means taking the energy out of corruptive set up by promoting new values, new criteria, new ways of thinking communicating and acting
- Responsibility for the future by creating new jobs, generating incomes with concrete economic, measurable results



Networking across ethnicities

- **DO NOT EXPECT POLITICS TO CHANGE! Create new policies!**
- **DO NOT fight CORRUPTION just BY ACCUSING but build up trust, confidence, responsibility and cooperation at all levels within communities**



Networking across ethnicities

- Positive approach to the potentials towards better common future of the communities and regions:
 - ✓ Step out of the “BOX of the PAST”
 - ✓ Follow your ambitions and goals
 - ✓ Focus on own commitments and responsibilities to achieve best results
 - ✓ Train constructive communication and networking in order to achieve measurable impacts



Networking across ethnicities

- **To achieve above mentioned:**
- **Permanent trainings for different groups /children, youth, women, decision-makers.../ based on recognition and respect of/for their needs**
- **Create as many opportunities as possible for youngsters to experience for good and constructive communication, community spirit, solidarity among and between different age groups etc.**

REFLECTIONS

1. Accusation leads
to: REJECTION

2. Mutual rejection
causes mutual
DEPENDENCE

- Empathy and
LOVE gives
FREEDOM

- Free person is
creative one, open
minded

- POWER OF
DECISION

Moderators at work

