

Medlemskap i EU:s nätverk URB-AL 12 – Främjande av kvinnors medverkan i beslutsprocesser på lokal nivå/i lokala instanser

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Stockholms stad ansöker om medlemskap i URB-AL 12.

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Ärendet

Europeiska unionen bedriver ett projekt vid namn URB-AL. Inom URB-AL bedrivs 13 olika program/nätverk. Stockholms stad har fått möjlighet att delta i nätverk 12, Promoting the role of women in local decision-making bodies (Främjande av kvinnors medverkan i beslutsprocesser på lokal nivå/i lokala instanser), *bilaga*. Nätverk 12 är uppdelat i följande fyra ämnesområden: kvinnors roll i uppbyggandet av staden, verktyg för kvinnors deltagande i lokalpolitiken, kvinnors bidrag till att städer blir harmoniska, och stödåtgärder för att öka kvinnors närvaro i lokala beslutsfattande organ.

Syftet med URB-AL 12 är engagemang i aktiviteter som kommer att bidra till utbyte av erfarenheter och utvecklandet av gemensamma program/projekt för att främja och skapa nya former för kvinnors deltagande i den politiska, ekonomiska och sociala sfären på lokal nivå. Tanken är att URB-AL ska kunna bidra till att lösa praktiska problem som uppstår vid lokal urban utveckling. URB-AL ska också bidra till att ge kvinnor möjlighet att delta i processen med att formulera lokala agendor. Detta kan bland annat ske genom att göra information tillgänglig, skapa medvetenhet och genom utbildning.

Mina synpunkter

Det är kostnadsfritt att vara medlem i URB-AL. Medlemmar och organisationer verksamma i medlemskommuner kan ansöka om EU-medel för projekt inom målets område, d v s främjande av kvinnors medverkan i beslutsprocesser på lokal nivå/i lokala instanser. Det finns idag intresse från minst en organisation verksam i Stockholm att starta projekt inom URB-AL 12. För att organisationer ska kunna delta krävs att staden först ansöker om medlemskap. Jag anser att staden dessutom både kan bidra med kunskap och få kunskap om kvinnors medverkan i beslutsprocesser. Det finns därmed flera anledningar för staden att bli medlem i URB-AL 12.

Jag föreslår med hänvisning till vad som ovan anförts att kommunstyrelsen beslutar följande

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URB-AL PROGRAMME NETWORK N° 12: “PROMOTING THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN LOCAL DECISION-MAKING BODIES”

1.- Introduction

Amongst its political objectives and cooperation work, the Barcelona Provincial Council (Diputació de Barcelona) aims to foster networks of local action that, through shared municipal experiences, would contribute towards enhancing quality of life and democracy and thereby encouraging the construction of models of the city in keeping with the aspirations of all citizens.

In this domain, the Barcelona Provincial Council has already accumulated considerable experience in promoting networks of the municipalities in its territory along with co-operation programmes with many towns in different countries.

In keeping with this prior experience, the Barcelona Provincial Council will co-ordinate, in this present URB-AL Programme, a network around the theme of “Promoting the Role of Women in Local Decision-making Bodies”, this being one of its areas of work and co-operation for some years now. The proposal is in accordance with European Union guidelines and declarations made at recent United Nations meetings.

The duration of the programme would be three years.

2.- General objectives of the network

- ✍ To engage in activities that will contribute towards an exchange of experiences and the designing of joint programmes that will be aimed at promoting new models of the city in keeping with citizens’ needs while emphasising the contribution of women in decision making at the local level. Women are the main users of city space, which then gives them an additional right to participate in decision-making with respect to city
- ✍ ~~Design~~ To promote the participation of women in all the processes of constructing local agendas by means of making information available, awareness-creation and training.
- ✍ To increase the wealth of human resources that would result from the participation of women in the organisation and management of cities.

3.- Proposal for the main areas of activity in the network

The general concern of “Promoting the Role of Women in Local Decision-making Bodies” will be divided into three main areas of work which are considered to be of common interest for all the network’s members:

1° Women in the construction of the model of the city

Different lines of work will be developed around this theme:

- ? The contribution of women in the strategic planning and definition of the model of the city.
- ? The involvement of women in defining local policy agendas.
- ? An increased participation of women in local and business development.
- ? The inclusion of women in the workforce as a key element in local economic development.

2° Developing democracy through the participation of women in local decision-making bodies

This would include the following tentative lines of work:

- ? Training of women for economic, social and political leadership:
 - ✍ So they may gain access to local political representation.
 - ✍ So they can attain relevant management roles in major decision-making areas in corporations.
- ? Women’s participation in local political groups.
- ? Fostering women’s participation in the social fabric of cities: communities, universities, business, union, cultural, sports, associations etc.

3° Women in shaping the city as a space of harmonious coexistence

This area covers a number of lines of work such as the following:

- ? New values that women can contribute to the city as a space of harmonious coexistence.
- ? Migratory movements towards the cities. Women as promoters of finding roots and social integration.
- ? Women's contribution to the struggle against social exclusion.
- ? Women's involvement in preventing and solving conflicts arising from coexistence.
- ? Women, families and the social community. Designing local policies to give support to families.
- ? Combating poverty, with particular attention to women heads of families.

4.- Types of activities to be promoted by the network

4.1. Seminars

As one of its basic activities, the network will organise a three-day annual seminar over three years. The aim of these seminars is to identify the basic problems of common concern and to share experiences. The seminars will be structured, from the methodological point of view, around framework lectures, panels of experts and, in particular, workshops for sharing experiences and discussing matters of mutual concern. The general characteristics of these seminars will be summarised briefly below. The duration of each seminar will be three days.

The first seminar (2003) will be held in San Salvador, April 28,29 and 30 . The second (2004) in Barcelona and the third (2005) in Chile.

4.2. Creation of a network resource centre

This will be located in the headquarters of the coordinating entity (Barcelona) and would provide the following services for its members:

- ? Data transmission information centre.
- ? Centre for the dissemination of good practices and other initiatives.
- ? Space for communication and dialogue among network members.
- ? Support for the creation of resource centres in other cities where people may go.

4.3. Training

The network will promote training as a decisive tool for the attainment of the proposed objectives. The activity will be concentrated essentially in the following fields:

- ? Training of women as leaders and local political representatives.
- ? Designing a framework plan for the training activities to be organised and promoted by the members starting from the second year and using already-existing financial resources that are independent of those of the network.
- ? Permanent political training at a distance using new information and communication technologies.

4.4. Publications

Three in particular are suggested:

- ? The basic framework and final documents
- ? A compilation of experiences and accounts of good practices with regard to the network theme.

- ? Material concerning the political training of women in the local sphere which would include written documents and audio-visual and/or multimedia elements.

4.5. Plan for the dissemination of network concerns

- ? Among members
- ? Aimed at the general public

This will be done through news bulletins and a website, etc.

The network's work and projects will be presented at different international forums.

4.6. Evaluation

An evaluation of the process will be carried out, both of results and an assessment of the impact of the network. This would also involve the collaboration of external experts.

5.- Network members

The aim is that the network should consist of **some 150 members**, 40% from the European Union and 60% from Latin America,

Local corporations would be full members.

At a second level of participation would be associate members of the project and that would be institutions such as the following: international organisms, universities, foundations, associations, etc., all of which would share the network's concerns.

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