

Independent experts assessment

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Experts comment

Expert 1

Comments

The rationale of this network proposal identifies a key issue with the use of transnational mobility projects and how this may exclude certain groups due to ethical and/or cultural beliefs. Whether a thematic network can actually contribute any solutions to this difficult problem is itself open to debate. The proposal is well written and identifies its scope and aims and objectives clearly. The network could fulfil an important role as Comenius and other exchange activities can be monitored with respect to participation and the strategies for inclusion can be shared, evaluated and used as a framework for further Comenius activities and mobility projects under other EU programmes.

The network should consider the inclusion of policy makers in the field of education and particular involvement of community groups which represent the views of ethnic minority cultures to develop understanding of the belief systems which makes exchange projects as a concept culturally and gender exclusive.

There is no management strategy detailed although a structure is envisaged at a Preparatory Meeting. A structure of working groups and national co-ordinators (forming a steering group perhaps) has also been indicated.

The pre-proposal identifies some clear evaluation and monitoring points under the heading 'innovative aspects' within the networks life cycle. The success of the network can be clearly measured by observed and verified data referring to improvements in inclusion of minority groups within exchange activities.

Care should be taken to ensure a collaborative and sensitive approach to the specific area identified. However, the co-ordinators and the partners have identified a critically important issue with respect to social inclusion.

Recommendations

The network should consider the inclusion of policy makers in the field of education and particular involvement of community groups, which represent the views of ethnic minority cultures.

A clear management structure should be developed to support the timetable of activities described.

Qualitative evaluation should be undertaken to assess the effectiveness of the network.

Careful consideration concerning the evaluators is advised and maybe this is a role undertaken by a group with expertise in this field.

Ensure that all mandatory network activities, including an annual report, are described in the full proposal.

Ensure all partners are accurately detailed using the tables provided on the form.

Expert 2

Comments

The idea of the project to improve the situation of migrant female students in relation to internationalisation activities is fine. What is not yet convincing is which research on the field has been conducted lately, which background the project partners have concerning that topic and how the "home" culture of those migrants is affecting the process of emancipation.

To sum up: it is overall an important and suitable issue that fits well to the programmes main elements of promotion of social and economic cohesion. The idea of the Comenius 3 Call for proposals has been met. However it is not clear whether the developed approach is efficient within the different cultural contexts represented by different European cultures and by the different nationalities of the migrants.

The network consists of 7 partners of different types of participating organisations from 6 countries. The partnership seems to have a strong potential.

Measures are foreseen for monitoring & evaluation and principally suitable but still quite sketchy.

Recommendations

A need analysis should be conducted at an early stage of the network to decide which development tasks need to be addressed additionally or by other means.

Concerning the partnership the forms need to be completed properly and eventually duplicated before. Also no relationship to former Comenius / Socrates etc. activities has been outlined. Such information needs to be added for each partner.


The information on the associated partners must be completed.

Measures for monitoring & evaluation need improvement in terms of details. The target groups should be involved in these procedures.

The Commission plans to provide all pre-selected project coordinators with some guidance and advice with a view to submitting their full proposals. You will be contacted in this context as soon as possible.

Please accept my congratulations on passing this first step of the selection process, and I wish you and your partners continued success in preparing your final application.

Yours sincerely,


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