

ProCooperation – advice, coordination and research

Dear colleagues, partners and friends,

Many of you know that I have left the Work Research Institute here in Oslo at the end of the year 2005 and that I have established my own company called ProCooperation.

I look forward to developing this small business; I am full of ideas and I hope that I can implement some of them together with you.

My fields of work are:

EU programmes for employment, social inclusion, lifelong learning and equal opportunities.

There are many different programmes in these fields and I have considerable experience of the following ones: the European Social Fund (ESF) and its Community Initiatives NOW and ADAPT, the Community Action Programmes (e.g. Leonardo, Socrates, Social Exclusion Programme) and the Framework Programmes for research.

I have been involved as a promoter, a project leader, a coordinator, an adviser and/or a partner. I have experience of every stage – from identifying appropriate programmes and partners for particular organisations to writing applications (my record on successful applications is very good!), budgeting, implementing the project, liaising with the relevant EU bodies in Brussels and evaluating, disseminating and mainstreaming the outcomes of projects.

In 2007 new programmes will start. Perhaps they will enable you or your organisation to develop new projects. Would you like to know more? Just send me an email or give me a ring!

The EEA (European Economic Area) grants

Moving to Norway has meant the end of my active involvement in ESF Community Initiatives. But Norway has special funds – such as the EEA grants. These are mainly financed by the Norwegian government and support projects in all new Member States, Greece, Spain and Portugal. I have followed the implementation closely since 2004; the first calls have been published since the summer 2005. I have contacts with a number of organisations and I am an expert in pools for appraisal and monitoring.

Let me know if you'd like to know more about opportunities to work with the EEA grants!

Transnational exchange and research

Over the years I have worked with colleagues from many different European countries and I firmly believe that we can learn a lot from transnational exchange. "How?" you might ask. Well, you need to keep an open mind, be curious and invest time and energy. I have promoted and coordinated several national and international networks, partnerships and projects and I enjoy the mix of coordination and research.

If you are interested in undertaking studies which compare developments in the employment or lifelong learning sector in different European countries, let's talk about it!

Where will I work?

I will be based in Norway, which is a beautiful country and where I love the view out of the window of my study. At the same time I enjoy working in different countries and environments. I will continue to work for consultant companies as an international expert and if you need an international expert for employment or human resource development, let me know.

I have lived and worked in a number of European countries, which has been a most enriching experience both professionally and personally. I have gained a lot through changing countries, although it is and was hard work and living in Norway I sometimes miss old friends and my bakery and pub around the corner.

How can you reach me?

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All the best for 2006 and let us keep in touch.

Bettina Uhrig
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Send me an Email if you would like to know more about the projects I have worked on and my experience and qualifications. My working languages are English and German and in 2006 I would like to spend time for improving my Norwegian.