

Call for Participation

Indicators of local wellbeing

- lessons for the 2014-2020 multiannual financial framework-

September 2-3, 2011
Oradea, Romania

The Public Policy Center (Romania) in partnership with Network of Educational Policy Centers (Croatia) and Wide Open School Foundation (Slovakia) and the support of the European Commission – Europe for Citizens’ Programme and Open Society Foundations in the framework of East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program is organizing an international workshop “**Indicators of local wellbeing** - lessons for the 2014-2020 multiannual financial framework”.

The turmoil in the economic arena of the last years and its social implications, especially the disproportionately larger impact it has had on the more vulnerable social groups, indicate that the focus of the European countries primarily on the implementation of pro-growth development policies has been unable to deliver sustainable well-being for all. This raises the question to what other approaches and/or complementary priorities need to be adopted in local, national and regional development so that the betterment of the life of people belonging to vulnerable groups equally pursued. In this sense, the European Commission has adopted, on August 20, 2009, a communication entitled GDP and beyond – Measuring progress in a changing world, in which it presents a roadmap for developing new environmental and social indicators to measure prosperity and well-being. The Communication points out the importance of reconceptualising how social progress should be defined and measure, by for instance identifying new approaches to engage different social actors in the development of a European economic and social model. The discussion on the measurement of social progress has expanded beyond GDP to include other factors that contribute to 'quality of life', and there are a number of ways of measuring quality of life among which the most often mentioned one refers to that of subjective well-being (people's 'sense' of well-being) and, more specifically, life satisfaction.

The workshop provides a forum for engagement of civil society organizations in Central and Eastern Europe in the discussions on the importance of local wellbeing indicators in the context of policy development in Europe (Europe 2020 Agenda). The aim of the event is to have representatives of organizations in CEE introduced to the theme and to foster further discussions, as well as present the results and lessons learned through the studies undertaken as part of a project we are currently implementing.

The target audiences of the seminar are representatives of civil society organizations interested in the field of wellbeing as well as researchers working on the issue. The workshop will be held in Oradea, Romania, from 2nd September to 3rd September 2011. A limited number of grants covering travel and local costs are available to Central and South Eastern European participants due to the generous support of the Open Society Foundations in the framework of East-East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program.

Application package

Those who are interested in participating in the event should send a motivation letter together with a CV or resume to info@cenpo.ro no later than July 24, 2011. Only complete applications will be taken into consideration. Considering the size of the event participation is limited to one person per organization. The seminar has a maximum of 25 participants. We aim for a wide scope of Central and South Eastern Europe countries to be represented in the seminar with the aim of exchanging experiences about different contexts.

In order to take part in the workshop, participants must:

- Have a good conduct in English
- Be able to attend all the sessions
- Be highly motivated to participate in the workshop.

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