
Press release

The PAT-TEIN Project comes to an end !

On September 18th, members of the Project PAT-TEIN presented the results of their work at the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

If the partners know one thing, it is that cooperate is everything but obvious. It requires time, curiosity, tolerance, and knowing one another. Cooperating needs consistent attention and calls for particular knowledge, expertise and social skills development.

The toolkits, designed for four pilot European borders, based on the available tools at the french-german border, are aimed especially at the (occasional or regular) actors of the cross-border cooperation (www.pat-tein.eu)

The spokespersons showed how much a transfer that seems simple can be full of ups and downs, Working on an educational tool, suited for one's own border, in order to train project managers, leads to question everything, to look deep into the differences, to test out the other people to understand them.

It is also about finding good educational ways, compatible with the different cultures, to convey useful skills and knowledge.

The cross-cultural level becomes more and more important in this transfer process, as well as regarding the four final toolkits.

This two years long work, led by the eight partners, has been intensely and warmly greeted by the three European MP who attended this final conference.

Martine Anderson maintained her support to the network, and underlined the importance of relaying the cooperation tools to everyone, through training : not only to the specialists, but also to health and economy operators, who may need to collaborate every single day, to improve the citizens' daily life.

Anne Sander highlighted four stages she finds important to professionalize the operators : make cooperation known and its advantages and tools ; try and experiment ; exchange good habits ; and eventually, anticipate possible obstacles or opportunities. The TEIN network can act regarding all of these stages and support the actors, and PAT-TEIN Project proves it.

Matt Carthy and Nathalie Verschelde from the European Commission (DG Regio) emphasize the fact that these toolkits should be soon transferred to many other European borders, because the necessity is real.

Hence great perspectives for the PAT-TEIN project and the network members !

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