



- RECOWE -
- Reconciling Work and Welfare in Europe -
Network of Excellence

DIACwowe - *an example of best practice*
Dialogue with the policy community:
Oviedo international meeting
on conciliation of employment and welfare in a national context

DIACwowe's objectives

One of RECOWE's main objective is to effectively *share* the new knowledge that is built up through its activities. It has a strong focus on communication and circulation of knowledge, especially by centralising and publicising existing and new sources of data on work and welfare.

In this perspective, the Dialogue Centre pursue one main goal: **sharing and debating the results** emanating from the network of excellence with European and National scientific, political and social audiences.

It works to **create an on-going dialogue between the research community gathered within RECOWE, the policy community in charge with labour market and welfare policies and the practitioners with a stake in employment and social policy.**

RECOWE International Meeting, Oviedo, 29-30th November 2007

The University of Oviedo (P07), namely Rodolfo Gutiérrez Palacios, Ana Marta Guillén Rodríguez, Holm-Detlev Köhler, Sergio González Begega, Thomas Ammosé and Amparo Novo Díaz, has organized in November 2007 a meeting with policy community representatives which could be used as **an example of best practice to create and establish stable links between researchers from the RECOWE network and policy makers.**

Support and co-funding has been provided by the Economic and Social Council of the Principality of Asturias with the participation of other Spanish Economic and Social Councils. A specific task has been proposed within RECOWE second programme of activity to demand for complementary funding.

Three broad topics have been defined: Employment creation and social protection, Quantity and quality of employment in the European Union, Tensions between flexibility and security in employment. For each topic, there have been **interventions by an academic speaker from RECOWE and a policy-maker, and also a round table gathering researchers and representatives from the social partners.** The aim was to discuss the impact of policies on quality of work and flexicurity on the agenda of the social partners (see the programme attached).

Promotional material has been specifically developed for this event: a press release, a translation of the RECWOWE presentation leaflet, etc.

Organizing similar meetings?

The organization of similar meetings with the policy community by other RECWOWE partner institutions would be an interesting opportunity to develop dialogue on the conciliation of work and welfare at the national level. **The originality of this meeting format is to change the traditional perspective and to explore the *national* expression and translation of RECWOWE's tensions and fields of research.**

It would also be an opportunity to **make research accessible to interested national actors**. By installing a reciprocal dialogue between the research and the policy communities, RECWOWE intends to **facilitate the relationships between them and improve the sensitivity of each to the other's activities and concerns**.

The Observatoire social européen (P11) is organizing a meeting with the Economic and Social Council of Wallonia in the next months.

Do not hesitate to contact us to help you designing and engineering such projects !

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