

DIACwowe - an example of best practice
Dialogue with the policy community:
"Research and Civil Society"

DIACwowe and Civil Society

One of the aim of DIACwowe is to serve as an arena where to confront and mutually enrich the preoccupations and agendas from the researchers on the one side and actors from the policy community on the other side. DIACwowe aims at ensuring that RECWOWE activities are useful to interested actors, and especially those who have no or only limited research capacities like NGOs or the social partners. RECWOWE represents an open source for research products for these actors and organizes **meetings with European-level NGOs to find about their needs and concerns and to create linkages with the research integrated within RECWOWE.**

RECWOWE's ambition is to share the new knowledge that is built up through its activities and represent a bridge between the research community and the stakeholders working at the field level. In this perspective, **the aim is to listen to social actors; to have an on-going exchange of ideas and information about social reality; and to increase their understanding and interpretation of the socio-economic context where they act.**

Dialogue Meeting

A first meeting for the establishment of dialogue between the research and civil society communities has been held in Brussels on October, 26 2007.

It gathered researchers from RECWOWE, the DIACwowe coordinators and members from European-level NGOs and social partners (European social platform, ETUC, RETIS, FEANTSA, CARITAS Europa, EAPN, IPSE).

DIACwowe initiative has been welcomed by the participants. Exchanges underlined the need for research to take into account some key issues like extreme poverty, housing, care or immigration and the condition of legal and illegal immigrants.

A set of initiatives to reinforce the interaction between practitioners and research communities (use of the RECWOWE website and newsletter, creation of direct links with RECWOWE workpackages, training activities, organization of regular meeting, cross-participation to stakeholders and researchers events, etc.).

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