

INVITATION



Kortrijk Social Service Department and the City of Kortrijk have the honour of inviting you to the conference and project fair:

SOCIAL INCLUSION IN AN INTER-REGIONAL CONTEXT

BUILDING BLOCKS FOR THE EUROPE 2020 STRATEGY



Although fighting poverty is first and foremost a national and regional responsibility, the EU can help develop and disseminate effective and innovative methods. EU resources, including the transnational cooperation projects and programmes, can clearly add value in this context, with social inclusion being a vital lever in this respect. Kortrijk Social Service Department and the City of Kortrijk are partners in three 2-seas projects that address social inclusion at different levels. Since the importance of social inclusion as part of the thematic dimension of the growth strategy of EU 2020 cannot be underlined enough, Kortrijk Social Service Department and the City of Kortrijk are organising a conference and project fair as a follow-up to the European Territorial Cooperation Days. These will be held on 21 September 2012 and will place the following projects in the spotlight: transnational projects that address social inclusion in different sectors and thus help build a social Europe, on the one hand, and an economy that is focused on recovery, on the other.



If interested, please register the number of people in your party before 15/09/2012
Please register via bruno.vandenberghe@ocmwkortrijk.be or by telephone on 056/24 41 00

PROGRAM

CONFERENCE

	Music Centre TRACK, Conservatoriumplein 1, Kortrijk
9.15 a.m.	Reception
9.45 a.m.	Welcome by Mr Stefaan De Clerck, Mayor of Kortrijk
	Projects in practice:
10.00 a.m.	INSPIRER (energy)
10.15 a.m.	VILLA CROSSMEDIA (information and communications technology)
10.30 a.m.	DNA (safe and people-friendly cities – active citizenship)
10.45 a.m.	iAge (e-inclusion in an ageing Europe)
	BREAK
11.15 a.m.	LEARNING CITIES (education)
11.30 a.m.	SUCCEs (worker mobility)
11.45 a.m.	SWAP NOW (environment)
12.00 noon	Key note speaker: Bart Vanhercke, Co-director OSE (European Social Observatory)
12.25 p.m.	Concluding statement by Mrs Francesca Verhenne, Chairperson of Kortrijk Social Service Department
	'Walking dinner' // option to visit the project fair

PROJECTS TRACK

	Various locations in the City of Kortrijk
1.30 – 3.00 p.m.	City walk with visits to various projects dotted around the city

STREET PARTY

from 3.00 p.m. onwards	Stasegemsestraat, Kortrijk at the end of this conference, there is the option of joining the street party at Stasegemsestraat, which was organised entirely by the local community, the very objective of the DNA project. The street party starts at 3.00 p.m. and offers, in tandem with local partners and organisations, a range of different activities.
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