

A. General ideas for thematic groups

1. Comparative aspects – get to know each other
 - present status with each partner (overview)
 - be informed of existing plans for the future with each partner

What does this mean?:

To be aware of the actual situation in each partner group + new initiatives. Try to incorporate example of best practice + make use of good ideas already launched.

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2. National policies
 - to be aware of new initiatives taken.
 - to relate to existing networks and projects in own country

3. EU policies – **ROK 2008**

- to be aware of new initiatives taken.
- to relate to existing networks and projects in own country

What does this mean?:

To be aware that the situation in individual institutions is dependent on rules and regulations within each country, and that these rules and regulations are also dependent on common initiatives (EU and other). To be aware of the most important of these policies in the area of migration/intercultural relations will also be helpful in finding common issues to collaborate on.

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4. To launch at least one main initiative within the group
 - weight on coordinator's profile (the prerogative of the leader)
 - weight on an initiative that can give meaning to several partners

5. Time line – description of phases in work of the group

What does this mean?:

The group coordinator supported by the core partners in each group has the right to put particular emphasis on a particular issue and make this the "main track" in the work. This values the benefit of concentration (but does not forget that some of the partner institutions will have special wishes they would like to have published on the thematic group www-pages (see # 6 and 7 below).

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6. To involve existing Comenius and other initiatives within the LM-network

7. To help initiating new project initiative (to act as a permanent Contact Seminar)

What does this mean?:

The thematic group will act as a mini network giving room to various project initiatives and helping these to prepare for the Contact Seminar (pre-conference day during the annual conference). – It should be possible both to give priority to a main track (# 4 above) and to be helpful in promoting some other project ideas of particular interest among the partners.

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8. To give presentations at LM annual conferences (dissemination)

9. To assist overall coordinator in writing report of best practices and to write a short annual report for the thematic group (archived on the WWW-site).

11. Run own part of the WWW-site (including Information Letters, Events, and News)

12. Sustainability

Try to find own financial sources that will help prolonging activities after the end of the network period

What does this mean?:

The group coordinators will have the ability to lead and to learn by this activity. Further, to be helping the overall coordinator in keeping the large network together.