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Partner Search Enquiries (March 2011)

1. Boerenbond Farmers Union in Flanders is looking for partners to take part in an Intelligent Energy Europe project. The 'Rural Energy Clusters' project will set up a number of pilots in rural areas consisting of one or more clusters of renewable energy producers and energy consumers with the local farmers at the core of the cluster. The project will involve local authorities and will develop local smart grid applications in order to promote the production and consumption of sustainable energy. The Call closes on **12 May**, and please contact Bart Vleeschouwers for further information (bart.vleeschouwers@boerenbond.be).

2. The municipality of Götene in Sweden is looking for partners to take part in a DAPHNE III project. The project will focus on new ways of interaction between social services and non-governmental organisations to raise awareness about men's violence against women and how it affects children. The closing date is **May 2011**, and please contact Mikael Lundgren for further information (mikael.lundgren@gotene.se).

3. The municipality of Håbo in Sweden is looking for partners to take part in an ESF project. The 'competence bridge' project will increase and transfer competence among employees and also attract more young people to work in the public sector. The municipality would like to work with other regions that have similar issues and organise study trips to exchange experiences and best practice. Please contact Charlotte Haglund for further information (charlotte.haglund@habo.se).

4. The Norwegian LGA (KS) is working with the Ministry of Education to reduce the number of early school leavers (ESL). KS is interested in any good practice from local and regional authorities involving projects or actions taken locally to reduce ESL, cooperation between associations and governments on ESL, and any policy documents or action plans on ESL. Further information may be found in the attached KS summary document, and please contact Einar Ekern (einar.ekern@ks.no) for further information.

5. The East Sweden region would like to hear from regions with best practice examples of innovations in the following subjects: sustainable built environment; street, traffic and infrastructure; geographic IT; and construction and management. East Sweden are preparing a conference on these issues and would welcome some best practice examples. Secondly, the region would like

to hear from regions with best practice examples of working with and supporting families and patients receiving psychiatric care. Please contact the East Sweden EU office for further information (info@eastsweden.be).

Aarhus Business College in Denmark is offering two Grundtvig in-service training courses. The courses, 'how to develop and run a school based enterprise' and 'how to develop and run a students TV station', are both 30 hour training courses within the framework of the EU Lifelong Learning Programme. The 6. courses take place on **19-23 September**, and candidates can apply for a Grundtvig grant through their home National Agency (Ecorys, Birmingham, for the UK) - http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc1208_en.htm#uk. Please contact Hans Thomas Hjorth for further information (hth@aabc.dk).