

...Katarsis



Final policy dissemination workshop
6th Framework Programme project KATARSIS Growing Inequality and Social Innovation:
Alternative Knowledge and Practice in Overcoming Social Exclusion in Europe

Social Innovation: an Opportunity for Europe?

7 October 2009 from 14.00 to 18.00

Fondation Universitaire Stichting - room Emile Francqui, Rue d'Egmontstraat 11, 1000 Brussels

Agenda

- 14.00 Welcome. Pierre Valette, DG RTD, Head of Unit L.2 Research in the economic, social sciences and humanities; prospective
- 14.15 What is social innovation? And why is it politically relevant? Frank Moulaert, Newcastle University
- 15.00 The role of socially creative strategies. Haris Konstantatos, National Technical University of Athens
- 15.45 Coffee/tea
- 16.00 Social innovation in governance - governance for social innovation. Marisol Garcia, Universitat Barcelona
- 16.45 Social innovation research: the heydays of action research. Sarah Habersack, Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien
- 17.30 General discussion
- 18.00 Closure of the workshop

KATARSIS in Brief

KATARSIS is a Coordination Action financed by the 'Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-based Society' section of the FP6. It builds a platform on which research teams specialised in the study of the consequences of growing inequality and social exclusion as well as socially creative strategies to overcome them exchange their knowledge and work towards a better integration of their research programmes and methodologies. The project focuses on a unique type of response to growing exclusion, namely the creative and socially innovative strategies by which people react to conditions of exclusion, at both the individual and collective level. People in situations of need activate particular types of knowledge and combine resources in novel ways. The strategies they develop in response to exclusion often exhibit marked differences in the ways knowledge and practices are mobilised and deployed; these strategies trigger processes of social innovation that effectively promote inclusion, empowerment and socio-economic development. As such they open up fresh venues for policy design and implementation. KATARSIS is coordinated by Prof. Frank Moulaert, Newcastle University, the UK. It has a team of 18 partner institutions representing 14 EU countries and Canada. The project website: <http://katarsis.ncl.ac.uk/>