



Agenda

Peer Review

Amnesty of debts: Amicable agreement and statutory solution - a discussion of the Dutch model

Rotterdam, 6-7 November 2006

Sunday 5 November

Arrival of participants in Rotterdam

Hotel New York Rotterdam

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19:00 Welcome drink at Hotel New York offered by the Municipal Creditbank of Rotterdam, followed by a dinner offered by the Dutch Ministry of Justice and the Municipal Credit Banks (Nvvk)

Monday 6 November

Venue: Hotel New York, Rotterdam

Chair: Geert LANKHORST, Dutch Ministry of Justice
Discussion facilitated by ÖSB/C-I/IES, Nigel MEAGER

08:30 – 09:00	Arrival
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome address by Ron van den BOSCH, City of Rotterdam Welcome address by Geert LANKHORST, Dutch Ministry of Justice Hugues FELTESSE, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission Presentation of the programme Nigel MEAGER, ÖSB/C-I/IES
09:30 – 10:00	Introduction to the Dutch approach I Extrajudicial stage of debt counselling, Harro NORDER, Volkskredietbank
10:00 – 10:30	Introduction to the Dutch approach II Court procedure of debt adjustment and the Council of legal aid, Ingrid VON BURG, Wsnp - Legal Aid Board
10:30 – 11:00	Comments by peer country participants Key elements of comment papers concerning similar policies and measures considered or experienced in their countries
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:20 – 11:40	NGO statement Presenting the viewpoint of their organisations and/or the beneficiaries they represent with a comparative European perspective

11:40 – 12:30	<p>Amnesty of debts Presentation of the discussion paper, the European context, focusing on evaluation results and comparative aspects, and synthesis of the main questions and key issues for debate by Dieter KORCZAK, GP Forschungsgruppe</p> <p>Discussion</p>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>L u n c h, at Cafe Rotterdam, offered by the Dutch Ministry of Justice</i>
14:00 – 16:00	Site visit 1: Municipal Creditbank of Rotterdam (<i>Schiekade 830, BVG building</i>)
16:00 – 17:30	Discussion of transferability aspects of the policy by peer countries (in two working groups facilitated by ÖSB/C-I/IES, Nigel MEAGER and Monika NATTER)
17:30	Sight seeing through the city by bus
19:30	<i>Dinner at the Euromast offered by Dutch Ministry of Justice and the Municipal Credit Banks (NVVK)</i>

Tuesday 7 November

Venue: Hotel New York, Rotterdam

09:00 – 11:00	Site visit 2: Court of Rotterdam – case studies , Wilhelminaplein 100/125
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30 – 12:15	Feedback from working groups and site visits
12:30 – 13:30	<i>L u n c h at Hotel New York, offered by the Dutch Ministry of Justice</i>
13:30 – 14:45	Relevance and key learning elements for peer countries and stakeholder representatives , facilitated by Dieter KORCZAK
14:45 – 15:15	<p>Closing remarks By Hugues FELTESSE, European Commission and Peter WAGENMAKER, Dutch Ministry of Justice</p>
15:15	Close of Review