



## Agenda

Peer Review:  
The City Strategy for tackling unemployment  
and child poverty

London, 6-7 July 2009



On behalf of the  
European Commission  
DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities





**Sunday 05 July 2009**

Arrival of participants in London

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## Monday 06 July

Venue: Crowne Plaza - London Docklands, Western Gateway, Royal Victoria Dock

Discussion facilitated by Nigel Meager, ÖSB Consortium

- 09:00 – 09:30      **Welcome address**  
by Grant Ferres, Deputy Head of Area Initiative & Strategy Division, Department for Work and Pensions
- by Michele Calandrino, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
- Presentation of the programme  
by Nigel Meager, ÖSB Consortium
- 09:30 – 09:50      **The City Strategy Initiative: Background and introduction**  
by Grant Ferres, Deputy Head of Area Initiative & Strategy Division, Department for Work and Pensions
- 09:50 – 10:05      Immediate questions
- 10:05 – 10:25      **The City Strategy Initiative: Implementation support**  
by Grant Ferres, Deputy Head of Area Initiative & Strategy Division, Department for Work and Pensions
- 10:25 – 10:40      Immediate questions
- 10:40 – 11:10      *Coffee Break*
- 11:10 – 11:30      **The City Strategy Initiative: Evaluation results**  
by Anne Green, Institute for Employment Research, University of Warwick
- 11:30 – 11:45      **European NGOs statements** (Eurocities, European Social Network)  
Presenting the viewpoint of their organisations and/or the beneficiaries they represent with a comparative European perspective
- 11:45 – 12:45      **General discussion**
- 12:45 – 13:30      *Lunch* offered by the Department for Work and Pensions
- 13:30 – 17:00      **Site visits**
- 17:00 – 17:30      **Feedback from site visits**
- What struck participants most during the site visits?
  - Do similar situations/problems/policies exist in the participating countries?
  - What aspects are most important to remember?
- 20:00                      *Dinner* offered by the Department for Work and Pensions

## Tuesday 07 July

Venue: Crowne Plaza - London Docklands, Western Gateway, Royal Victoria Dock

Discussion facilitated by Nigel Meager, ÖSB Consortium

- 09:00 – 09:30      **Presentation of the discussion paper**  
The European context of the good practice under review, focusing on transferability aspects and synthesis of the key issues for debate by independent thematic expert Jan Vranken, University of Antwerp
- 09:30 – 12:45      **Peer country contributions and discussion** (including a coffee break)
- 12:45 – 13:45      *Snack break*
- 13:45 – 14:15      **Relevance and key learning elements for peer countries and stakeholder representatives** followed by discussion  
by independent thematic expert Jan Vranken, University of Antwerp
- 14:15 – 14:45      **Closing remarks**  
by Michele Calandrino, European Commission  
by Grant Ferres, Deputy Head of Area Initiatives & Strategy Division, Department for Work and Pensions
- 15:00                *Close of Review*