

Proposal ecdn working group

Name: budget counselling – transnational exchange

Aim of the working group:

Financial literacy is one of the core competences of a self-dependent person. Especially now that Europe is facing great financial challenges, people need the knowledge and skills to manage their own budgets efficiently.

The idea for this working group is to exchange experiences and knowledge in budget counselling between several organizations and countries which have already been linked together in the ecdn-network dealing with issues of financial inclusion.

The working group should enable the participants

- to exchange information on current developments and challenges in the field of budget counselling
- to discuss und propose definition of standards and learning contents and the specific skills and qualifications required to be a professional budget counsellor and also
- to review budget counselling services offered in Europe and
- to connect experts and budget counsellors.

Content:

Budget counselling
Current developments
Challenges
Standards
Working methods
Education and training for counsellors
Best practice
Reference Budgets as a working tool

Participants:

Representatives of the members' organizations
Budget/debt counsellors
Experts

Organizational structure:

A working group meeting should take place once a year - usually in the course of the annual ecdn conference and the General Assembly.

Each meeting has a working focus. Inputs are planned as an introduction to the topic and are intended to encourage exchange and discussion. If necessary, the exchange can also take place in small groups or as part of the agenda of the Conference.

A coordinator for the working group shall be appointed at the first meeting (member of the MC). A report (protocol) with the most important results and findings will be prepared and sent to all participants after each meeting.

Duration of a meeting 2 to 3 hours.

Costs:

Costs for participants should be regulated as for participation in ecdn conference. Seminar room and catering is provided and organized by ecdn. Costs of external speakers or experts must be clarified beforehand with the MC.