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### EU-platform on Reference Budgets

The first meeting to setup of the EU-platform on Reference Budgets was held on 22nd and 23rd February at the University of Antwerp, Belgium. During the

meeting the setup of the platform was discussed, the priorities were defined and a programme for the coming years was proposed. Experts from Belgium, Spain, Czech Republic, Finland, Latvia, the Netherlands, Hungary, Luxembourg, Slovakia, Croatia, Ireland and Sweden participated in the meeting. The following Working Groups were organised:

- Long term planning of the EU-platform on reference budgets.
- The use of comparable survey data.
- Involvement of citizens.
- Protocols for tools and software that are an application of reference budgets.

EU-platform on Reference Budgets will be developed as a part of InGRID project “Supporting expertise in inclusive growth” (<http://www.inclusivegrowth.eu/>).

**ECDN and BAG-Schuldnerberatung workshop in Germany, April 27, 2018**

The ECDN workshop in cooperation with BAG- Schuldnerberatung will be held in Germany. It will focus on proposal COM (2016) 723 as well as article 1 (3) RL-E and the consequences from them. The agenda will follow soon. More information can be found [here](#).

**ECDN has a Twitter profile**

Juha PANTZAR from GUARANTEE FOUNDATION created a Twitter profile for

ECDN. The profile in Twitter is named as: @ECDNdebt

We encourage you to follow ECDN in Twitter, so we could spread all the useful information betterwise in the future. Juha kindly suggested to moderate our Twitter profile and to try to retweet all those Tweets, into which ECDN has been tagged. If someone wants to spread information of some conference or other event, Juha will retweet it to all followers, when ECDN is tagged. Hopefully this takes air under the information source's wings and we can spread important information even better in the future.

### Announcements

#### **MC of ECDN Skype Meeting**

On February 27<sup>th</sup> the MC of ECDN held a Skype meeting. The following issues were discussed:

- Application for a project under Erasmus+ KA2 proramme.
- Results from a survey conducted among ECDN members.
- Location of the regular monthly ECDN workshops - April in Kiel, 18 May in Varna, June in Gdansk, and September in Finland. The topics will be announced.
- The place for the Annual ECDN conference.

#### **Call for Co-editor for Money Matters**

ECDN Management Committee announces a Call for Co-editor for Money Matters. In the last years two years Dieter was the editor, Mariusz was the co-editor of MM. Due to his new job position Mariusz cannot take the responsibility

to act as an co-editor any longer.

The duties of the Co-editor include the following:

- gathering written material
- communication with ECDN President and authors
- communication with printing office on draft versions (graphics, typesetting etc.)
- English language proofing
- transport of the printed version on meeting plac (occasionally.
- financial issues (invoice)

### **Call for contribution from ECDN members**

We kindly ask all ECDN members to share interesting information, news, events and other updates to ECDN Coordination office. We will distribute them through ECDN website and Facebook page.

We are at your disposal for questions, comments or suggestions.

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