

Distinctly Birmingham

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION STEERING GROUP MEETING

AGENDA

Practical details:

Time: 13:00-14:30
Date: Friday 19 September

Venue: Committee Room 6
The Council House
Victoria Square
Birmingham
B1 1BB

Chair: Steve Harding, Research, Innovation & Enterprise, Birmingham City University

Core meeting

13:00	1. Welcome. Introductions and apologies	Steve Harding
13:05	2. Notes of previous meeting. Attached.	Steve Harding
13:10	3. Update on Priority 1 of our action plan - Deepening exchange, exposure and partnerships: Supporting partners in Birmingham to better understand and exploit European opportunities for exchanges of people, knowledge and ideas – with a particular focus on sectors, such as smaller cultural organisations and the third sector, that have not been as engaged with transnational EU programmes due to lack of capacity or knowledge. a. Erasmus Plus awareness raising seminars aimed at schools and colleges. Paper attached. [Update on Creative Europe awareness raising seminars to be covered in item 12] b. Aston University's neuroscience links with our partner city of Lyon c. 'Buddying up' mentors for EU funding opportunities	Abdul Qadir Jennifer Crisp Steve Harding
13:20	4. Update on Priority 2 of our action plan - Maximising large-scale,	

	<p>pan-European initiatives to support the development of Birmingham's key growth sectors: Develop a better understanding and improved joint working to maximise our take up of large scale pan-European initiatives such as those from the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) and European Public-Private Partnerships as well as other non-structural funds in support of Birmingham's key growth sectors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Active and Healthy Ageing KIC – update on submission b. Climate KIC update / key news 	<p>Pam Waddell</p> <p>Via Katherine Fuller</p>
13:35	<p>5. Update on Priority 3 of our action plan - Supporting the city's competitiveness and innovation agenda through European working: Support growth and innovation in the city's key growth sectors, with a particular focus on SMEs. In doing so, positioning Birmingham as a centre for innovation in Europe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Birmingham's response to the EU Smart City 'invitation for commitments' b. Horizon 2020 awareness raising seminars aimed at SMEs. Paper attached. c. News / updates from the Chamber / Enterprise Europe Network on EU support to SMEs including SME week 	<p>Stuart Russon</p> <p>Stuart Russon</p> <p>Jonathan Webber</p>
13:50	<p>6. Update on Priority 4 of our action plan - Develop greater joined-up working among local partners, as well as closer working with our ambassadors in Europe to further enhance Birmingham's reputation and influence Provide co-ordinated key messages to, and maximise the knowledge, influence and profile of our: MEPs, Committee of the Regions representatives, Greater Birmingham and West Midlands Brussels office, our European networks such as EUROCITIES, as well as the city's cultural ambassadors. Encourage greater information sharing among local partners to better identify opportunities for joined up working in EU work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reception for Brussels office partners and stakeholders on 8 October during Open Days b. Update on Distinctly Birmingham website. Paper attached. c. Update on Benefits to Birmingham of being in the EU publication. Paper attached. 	<p>Jennifer Crisp</p> <p>Karolina Medwecka</p> <p>Heather Law</p>
14:00	9. AOB and close of core part of meeting	Steve Harding

	Next meeting Friday 12 December, venue tbc	
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Thematic part of meeting: Culture and Creative Industries

14:00	10. Introduction to the aims of this thematic session culture and creative industries	Steve Harding
14:05	11. Current examples of European activities in culture and creativity	Representatives from the cultural sector will be asked for their input
14:15	12. Resources: Update on Creative Europe seminar held on 9 June	Stuart Russon
14:20	13. Results of survey on international activity in Birmingham's cultural sector and views on taking this forward	J.Crisp / S. Easton
14:30	14. Close of meeting	