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**Meeting of socially and developmentally responsible  
local/regional authorities  
in preparation for the Trento seminar**

**Strasbourg, 5 and 6 November 2007**

**1- Aims of the meeting**

- Enable responsible authorities to meet, find out about one another and exchange experiences and methods
- Reflect together on key topics concerning the concept, its relevance, tools and methods for implementing it, connections with sustainable development, synergy of different approaches, and the roles of the various players (in particular ethical and solidarity-based initiatives)
- Prepare the paper on local/regional responsibility for the Trento seminar with the active participation of representatives of the four authorities
- Lay the foundations for further development of the concept and putting across its value for combating poverty and social exclusion and consider setting up a network

**2- Proposed programme**

**First day (5 November):**

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| 9.00–9.30   | Welcome and round of introductions  |
| 9.30-10.00  | <b>Council of Europe:</b> presentation of the concept of local/regional responsibility, its connection with the Council of Europe social cohesion strategy, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities resolution and the link to sustainable development<br><br><b>IRIS:</b> presentation on the importance of local/regional-authority responsibility for unlocking the potential of ethical and solidarity-based initiatives |
| 10.00–11.00 | Presentation of the four authorities (City of Mulhouse, Ile de France Region, Autonomous Province of Trento and Timișoara District) : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- presentation of the authority</li><li>- stages in progress towards responsibility</li><li>- difficulties encountered</li><li>- prospects</li></ul> <i>(15 minutes per authority)</i>  |

11.00–11.15	Coffee break
11.15–13.00	Theme 1: the concept of local/regional responsibility. Its relevance to involving the citizen in collective responsibility for the welfare of all: indicators, tools and approaches.
13.00	Lunch
14.30-16.30	Theme 1 (continued)
16.30-16.45	Coffee break
16.45-18.00	Theme 2 : establishing the connection with sustainable development: the ecological footprint as a tool for empowerment.

**Second day (6 November)**

9.00–10.30	Theme 3: synergy of thematic and sectoral approaches at the local/regional level
10.30–10.45	Coffee break
10.45-13.00	Theme 4: role of ethical and solidarity-based initiatives and of public policies on social inclusion and combating poverty.
13.00	Lunch
14.30-16.00	Preparation of the Trento seminar: allocating roles to the different authorities.
16.00- 16.45	Follow-up: bringing in other authorities – links to the work of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the Council of Europe Division for the Development of Social Cohesion – networking.