



Report of the Workshop
The European Coordinator
Chair: Germany

European Union Foreign Affairs Spouses, Partners and Families Association

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Points of discussion

- 1. Design of the new support system presented yesterday (aim, target group etc.)**
- 2. First steps: How to start?**
- 3. Support & supervision: The role of EUFASA?**

1. Outline / draft presented: changes and recommendations

Who is the Target group?

All accompanying spouses, partners and families of any European employee posted at a European mission *instead of*

“spouses, partners and families of any European MFA employee”

thus including all those transferred to the mission from other governmental institutions like e.g military

Who can become European Coordinator?

Spouses/partners of all employees on posting to the European missions

Not local employees

Organisation on postings outside Europe

- The turns should be taken in alphabetical order; (*unchanged*)
- The country taking over responsibility will do so for one year; (*unchanged*)
- Each coordinator may run the service as it suits him/her best, alone or in groups;
new: our recommendation is to work in a Troika, thus ensuring continuity.

Organisation in European capitals

Due to the extremely different situation in European capitals (size of diplomatic community, existence and/or capacity of the national PA) it is recommended that the newly established working group has to look closer into this matter and develops a more suitable proposal.

- 2. First steps: How to start ?** combined with
3. Support & supervision: The role of EUFASA ?

1 st steps	Role of EUFASA
<p>Pilot projects, starting NOW Feedback / Reporting to the</p> <p>First spontaneous volunteers: Ulrike, Germay -> Dublin (in cooperation: Isabelle / Irish association)</p> <p>Maria Mendes, Portugal -> Budapest (in cooperation with ???)</p> <p>Milena, The Netherlands-> Bueno Aires</p> <p>Anna Beth, Norway -> Hamburg</p> <p>Jaana, Finland -> Abu Dhabi Others are welcome !</p>	<p>Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Starts working immediately after the conference - Is in close contact with the pilot projects - Develops template for ,information Booklet / vade mecum - Finalise the design of the support system, incl. practical guidelines `how to start`, `how to maintain`, how to hand over - Explores possible ways for information transfer via our EUFASA website

2nd steps	Role of EUFASA
<p>Research European mission abroad & contact them</p> <p>Use ALL resources available to initiate and spread the idea, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EUFASA member meetings - Active coordinators <i>sur place</i> - Spouses / partners of head of missions (well connected & equipped) - Military representatives as sources of information - Collection of existing post-reports, vademecum etc - ... 	<p>PCG = Permanent Coordinator's Group to be established 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - as a permanent group (3 ?) - to support and supervise the new system - where individual members work for 1-2 years - who motivates and informs the coordinators <i>sur place</i>

Basic recommendations:

- Keep it simple
- Keep it flexible
- Leave enough room for individual creativity
- Leave enough room for adapting to local circumstances
- Keep in mind: the Coordinator is coordinating and not necessarily doing all the work!