

SUMMARY WORKSHOP 3: CORE-Cooperation on Global Grants

At the conclusion of this Workshop, the following emerged:

CORE, in fact, managed an international Community Assessment - an essential requirement for projects wishing to apply for a GG - the conclusion of which can be summarised in the following statements of principle:

1) European Integration, as a value shared by its citizens and its institutional development in the European Union, is desirable, as it makes the prospect of a future viable of: development, peace, conflict and crisis resolution also at the international level.

2) Rotary can play a role and - more importantly - has a responsibility to do what it can to facilitate this process.

Projects that are developed by CORE in this direction can get support from the RF through Global Grants as they fall under the focus area of Peace.

In particular, CORE is managing two actions (the Three National Schools project and the RES project), which are successfully helping to build awareness of the importance of the European Union in groups of 16–18-year-olds and 20-somethings respectively.

An operational proposal that emerged is that new rounds of these projects could be financed with GGs, with the three Districts contributing with DDF allocations and a few (we said 5) Rotary Clubs from each District as implementers and hosts.

In addition to the above, CORE, through its website, will provide a platform for dialogue and cooperation between Clubs to:

1) Bring together Clubs from the three Districts that wish to cooperate on specific projects proposed by them

2) Open a discussion forum to identify common issues that are particularly relevant and heartfelt for the further development of CORE's work. During the Workshop, for example, it was highlighted that the issue of immigration is also particularly felt by our French and German Rotarian friends.

At the end of the work, the CORE Steering Committee, in which the three Governors sit together with the secretariat, has already decided, at the suggestion of the aforementioned Workshop, to set up a committee of six members to work on implementing the above decisions.

ToDo: Each district will appoint two members of this committee, one from among experts in the RF and one from among those who actively work with CORE.

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