



Meet Migrants - Employment -
Empowerment - Training

Programme 21 - 24 March 2006

The MEET partnership has its second transnational meeting from 22 through 24 March in Groningen, the Netherlands. The session is hosted by the Dutch project 'Laat Zien Wat Je Kunt'.

General

If you run into problems and need assistance, please get in touch with either Paul Spoelstra (+31 614 385 162) or Wian Stienstra (+31 643 068 985)

Accommodation

City Hotel, Gedempte Kattendiep 25, 9711 PM Groningen, +31 50 588 6565. Rooms are € 85 per night (ex € 2 city tax) at our special rate. Note that you need to pay the hotel when you leave, either cash or credit card. You will get a receipt, but the hotel will **not** send an invoice to you by mail.

Getting to Groningen

After arrival at Schiphol, you need a train ticket for Groningen, buy them from a vending machine in the arrival hall (there are several, some even at the luggage terminal). The vending machines take debit cards or cash, but no credit cards. There are trains in the general direction of Groningen every 30 minutes.

You can take trains to Enschede, Groningen and Leeuwarden. If you get a train to Enschede, you need to change at Amersfoort (about 40 mins from Schiphol), if you get a train to Leeuwarden, you need to change at Zwolle (about 1h15 from Schiphol). At www.ns.nl you will find all the information you need. You can also ask the conductor, all know at least basic English.

Once in Groningen, please take a taxi to the hotel. It is only a short ride, about 10-15 minutes at the most.

Participants

ICE-InterCulturExpress : 4 participants

Visibili-Invisibili: 7 participants

Laat Zien Wat Je Kunt: 10-15 participants

MigraNet: 18 participants

Progress GB: 17 participants



Tuesday 21 March

<i>Time</i>	<i>Contents</i>
afternoon	Arrival of steering group members - please take a taxi to the hotel, we wait for you there.
evening	Depending on time of arrival, dinner. Dinner can be taken at: Wok Restaurant Ni Hao across from hotel.

Wednesday 22 March

<i>Time</i>	<i>Contents</i>
0930 – 1230	Venue: Dept of Social Affairs, Eendrachtsskade Z.Z. Word of welcome by Hans van Ulsen, Head of Department of Social Affairs. Steering Group Meeting Lunch in staff canteen
afternoon	If necessary: Steering Group continued At the same time: arrival of WG members. Please take a taxi to the hotel, there will be information and a contact person waiting for you. Depending on arrival times and interest, we may organise an informal meeting.
evening	Dinner (venue depending on number of people arriving, probably near hotel). At the same time: arrival of WG members

Thursday 23 March

<i>Time</i>	<i>Contents</i>
0900 – 0930	Venue: Het Kasteel Word of welcome by Koen Schuiling, Alderman (and Deputy Mayor) for Economic and Social Affairs of the City of Groningen Plenary session. Short opening and introduction programme for the day, update on Dutch project and Dutch context.
0930 - 1200	Working Groups sessions

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1200 – 1330	Lunch at 'Het Kasteel'
1330 - 1400	Transport to the DP-partners
1400 - 1630	Three visits to DP-partners: WG 1: Crash course Dutch (or Arabic) - Alfa-college (Travertijnstraat) WG 2: Preparatory year and intensive language training - Noorderpoort (Verzetstrijderslaan) WG 3: Case study: placement of migrant candidates through Samen Werken ('Working Together') with assistance of Vedior Staffing at Gasunie (national Gas company). Transportation to all visits is by bus.
1630 - 1715	Transport into the City, straight to the Canal Boat.
1715 - 1815	Trip through the Canals of Groningen - opportunity to sample some Dutch snacks. Explanation in English about the City of Groningen.
2000 - 2130	Dinner at 'Mechoui', Folklingestraat

Friday 24 March

<i>Time</i>	<i>Contents</i>
	Those who leave on Friday: please check out of the hotel immediately. Please take all your luggage with you.
0900 – 1130	Venue: Het Kasteel Working Groups continued from previous day.
1130 - 1230	Plenary session, official close of programme
1300 -	Venue: Groningen Museum Lunch, departure (the Museum is across from the Railway Station) Recreational suggestions will be provided for those who will stay in Groningen until Saturday morning.