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AFAEMME Newsletter

AFAEMME will create an interactive tool for promoting the reconciliation of work and family life

THE FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF BUSINESSWOMEN OF THE MEDITERRANEAN (AFAEMME) THE SPANISH REFERENCE POINT FOR THE EUROPEAN YEAR FOR WORKERS' MOBILITY

The European Commission has designated the 2006 as European Year for Workers' Mobility, to debate on the real benefits and challenges of working abroad or changing job. This is the first time in which Mobility, Equality and Workers issues are jointly debated, and AFAEMME is the one of the European organizations to work in the developing of several studies on the impact of mobility on the improvement of statistical data.

AFAEMME will develop the on-line self-diagnosis tool of reconciliation of work and family life and social security systems in the countries represented by Mediterranean Region and Baltic one. In this way, the main obstacles that women workers and business women face in the labour market, in particular the obstacles faced by combining work and family life, the advantages and disadvantages of different social security benefits in the different EU MS in the context of mobility. AFAEMME will develop an on-line self-diagnosis tool in the mobility portal already functioning www.womenmobility.org in collaboration with the European Job Mobility Portal EURES of and the data base of the Mutual System on Social Protection (MISSOC).

Many events will take place during the Year: The first of them took place in Brussels on the 2nd February of 2006 in the occasion of the official inauguration of this 2006 European Year for Workers' Mobility. Other worthy acts of mention are, for example, the one that will take place in Barcelona during June, where Mr. Jimmy Jamar, Coordinator of the programme 2006 European Year for Workers' Mobility will meet with Mrs M^a Helena de Felipe Lehtonen, President of Association of Organisations of Mediterranean Businesswomen (AFAEMME). A series of job fairs will be organised simultaneously in several European cities on 29 and 30 September 2006, in order to enhance awareness about mobility opportunities. Among these cities is Mallorca, where the Association of Businesswomen of the Balearic Islands ASEME (member of AFAEMME) will coordinate and organize workshops simultaneously between Mallorca and Riga. The last event will take place in Lille (France) with a closing conference organized by European Commission in order to analyse messages and lessons learned from the Year and to define policy orientations for the future. We are at your disposal for any type of consultation. If you wish to obtain more information, do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Faithfully

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