

COI Network III

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COI related
training and good practice
across Europe

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Our project

... we are working in the footsteps of

- „COI Network & Training“ (2004)
Publication of Manual „Researching COI“
- „COI Network & e-Training (2005/2006)
Publication of e-Training course

... with

18 Network partners, 1 organisation attached

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11 NGOs

...our partners...

7 GOs

- ACCEM (Spain)
- **ACCORD (Austria)**
- **Dutch Council for Refugees**
- Forum Réfugiés (France)
- Polish Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights
- The Human Rights League (Slovak Republic)
- **Hungarian Helsinki Committee**
- **Informationsverbund Asyl (Germany)**
- Italian Council for Refugees
- Romanian National Council for Refugees
- Society of Citizens Assisting Migrants (Czech Republic)

- Mol Croatia – Department for Foreigners and Asylum
- Mol Latvia – Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs
- Mol Romania – National Refugee Office
- Mol Slovenia – Asylum Section
- Mol Spain – Subdirección General der Asilo
- Office for Repatriation and Aliens (Poland)
- **Refugee Documentation Centre Ireland**
- Attached: Swedish Migration Board

After...

- ... 12 months,
- ... more than 7.000 working hours,
- ... approximately 300 invitations sent out to participants,
- ... countless hours of planning, conceptualising, discussing, re-discussing, creating and thinking it over,

... we have achieved the following:

Project activity: Training courses



Objective

- 12 COI training courses with participants from 12 European countries

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Project activity: Training courses

Outcome

- 15 training courses for COI professionals, legal advisors and decision makers
- 11 blended learning courses, 4 workshops
- Approximately 160 participants from 20 European countries
- 11 participants of the Train the Trainer course enabled to gain practical knowledge by co-training at the courses

Project activity: Train the Trainer



Objective

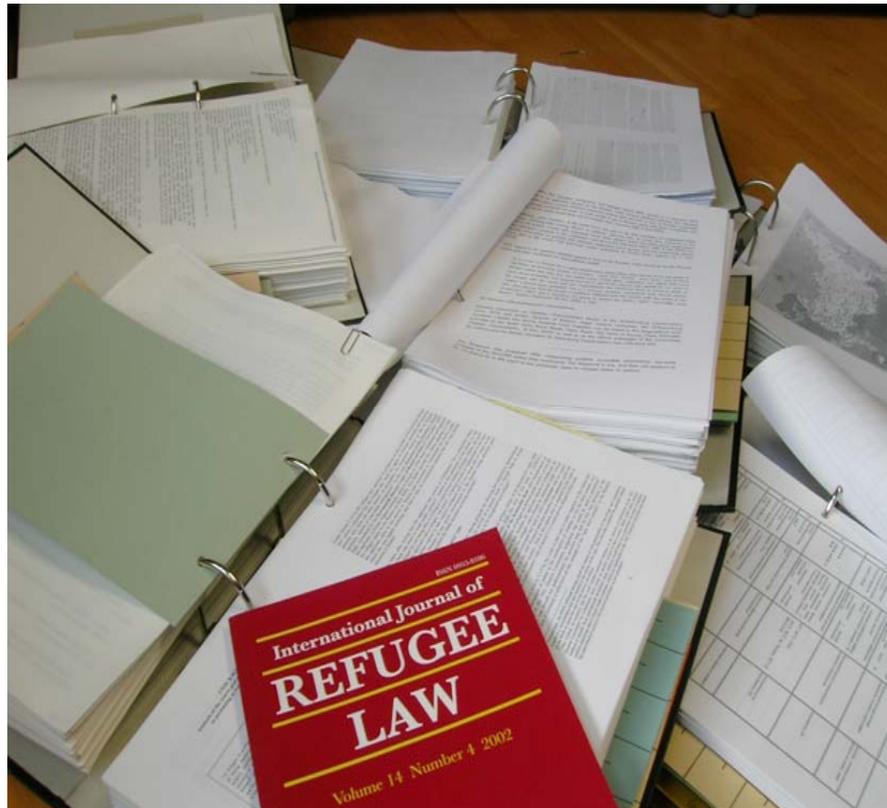
- Establishing a persistent cross-national and cross-institutional pool of at least 6 qualified COI trainers

Project activity: Train the Trainer

Outcome

- 14 COI professionals have participated in the Training Course for COI Trainers, consisting of
 - 3 two-day seminars
 - Function as a trainer under supervision for one of the blended learning courses/ workshops
 - Report to the supervisor after training
 - Elaborate a case study for COI training
- 10 trainers (8 TtT participants + 2 supervisors) were admitted to and will form the European COI Trainer Pool

Project activity: Good Practice



Objective

- Investigating and analysing legislation and decisions of 2nd and 3rd instance asylum authorities of EU countries and European Courts which contain provisions relevant to the use of COI and its standards

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Project activity: Good Practice

Outcome

- Research conducted in all EU member states
- Preliminary results presented at the COI Master Class and the ELENA conference
- Report to be published in November 2007

Project activity: COI Master Class



Objective

- Elaborate a feasible and sustainable form for continuous training of COI professionals
- Conduct the COI Master Class as a pilot

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Project activity: COI Master Class

Outcome

- 1st COI Master Class: 19 – 21 June, Vienna
 - More than 50 participants from 22 European countries, Canada and UNHCR
 - 15 workshops and 2 lectures chaired and held by experienced COI professionals und UNHCR experts on the production, research, management and use of COI
- Feedback on pilot
 - Important platform for exchange and networking between NGOs and governmental organisations
 - High level of contentedness with workshop topics
 - Different experience levels of participants reflected in degree of satisfaction with workshop conduct

Project activity: COI Seminar



Objective

- Up-to-date and accurate COI on 2 countries of origin for up to 75 participants

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Project activity: COI Seminar

Outcome

- 11th European Country of Origin Information Seminar, 21 – 22 June in Vienna
- On Iraq and Afghanistan
- Approximately 70 participants from NGOs and GOs from 25 European countries, Canada and UNHCR
- COI Seminar report to be published by end of November

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Innovative aspect:
NGO–GO cooperation

- Exchange and networking between GOs and NGOs
- Incentive for exchange visits and further projects between GOs and NGOs



Interested? Further information on...

Details on the COI Network III, all reports:

www.coi-network.net

Info on training courses and the Trainer Pool:

www.coi-training.net

The COI Seminar report is available on

www.ecoi.net &

www.Refworld.org

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