



February marks Month 10 of this project, funded by EU-Public Health/SANCO from 2005-2008 (Contract 2004130). The partners from 14 countries aim to apply a set of 18 health indicators for people with intellectual disabilities. These indicators were developed during an earlier project, *Pomona-1* (2002-2004). The project website includes reports, activities and presentations by partners [www.pomonaproject.org](http://www.pomonaproject.org).

This is a good time to review the achievements of partners since their first meeting in May 2005 in Rome. The hospitality of Dr. Giorgio Albertini, Dr. Carla Albertini and their colleagues at San Raffaele Foundation was flawless and very welcome, conducive to two productive days of work. The partners reviewed what must be achieved within the project's 9 Work Packages, focusing on the first year's targets.

The Netherlands was lead partner for WP 3: Henny Lantman was assisted by Marja Veenstra in operationalizing the indicator set and developing an instrument for gathering information across the partner countries. The instrument has three parts: (1) a section with demographic and personal information; (2) the *PAS-ADD*; and (3) the *Aberrant Behavior Checklist*. While this task was active between September 2005 and January 2006, three smaller, regional meetings took place: Barcelona (October), Graz (November) and Ljubljana (December).

In January 2006, a professional team at Dublin City University translated the *Pomona* instrument into 12 languages. As soon as guidelines on how to apply the instruments are ready, they will be distributed to all partners.

## Country Reports

To complete WP 4, each partner will prepare a *Country Report* on the status of national information about people with intellectual disabilities in each

participating country. A template will help to ensure that the information is comparable across the countries. Twelve of the 14 are EU Member States, while Norway is a member of the EEA and Romania is an accession country. The policies and systems of support available to people with intellectual disabilities are very diverse.

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### **Workplans - 2006**

A pilot study is the main task of WP 5, using guidelines prepared by Mike Kerr and Jonathan Perry (Wales UK) that were sent to all partners on 12 February. To complete WP 6 (led by Meindert Haveman, Germany and Henny Lantman, the Netherlands), drawing a sample of participants, each partner must secure research ethical approval that is appropriate for that country. The core task of *Pomona 2* is to gather data on a sample of participants using the instrument based on the set of health indicators. This activity comprises WP 7 (led by Mike Kerr, Wales UK), and it is scheduled to start from September 2006, after a second meeting of all partners that coincides with the 2<sup>nd</sup> European Conference of IASSID in Maastricht 2-5 August 2006