

Kent's European Relationship Select Committee – 14th January, 11.00 a.m.

Biographical Information: Myriam Caron

Myriam is European Partnership Manager. She became involved in 1997 with the EU Programme (Interreg) on EU funding, developing bids and bringing funding. She has always been in a corporate role and involved with economic and rural development. She is employed by KCC but feels she has always worked for Kent as a whole. Her work has mainly been on Interreg IV AB and C, plus Objective 2 Turner.

Myriam liaises with different KCC units – or, for example, European partners come to her with ideas and she will find an equivalent here. She has built a network of hundreds of partners in Kent and internationally. In the past she has one week in Kent, one week in France and is currently based at Hardelot.

Suggested themes for Members' questions

1. Background to KCC's European partnership work
2. European Partnerships:
 - Raising awareness of opportunities
 - Criteria needing to be met – risks and opportunities
 - Maintenance of links and establishment of new links/partnerships
3. How European partnership work contributes to KCC priorities and those for Kent
4. Key learning points from partnership work and recommendations for the future.
5. Hardelot: role and rationale; opportunities, risks and options for the future

Please note that three options for Hardelot are proposed – the main report has been provided (some figures are to be amended) and two further options papers will be presented on 14th January.)