

## REMC First Meeting 30-31 January 2008: Agenda

### Wednesday 9.30-5.30 (Boardroom, fifth floor)

Chair: Emer Smyth, ESRI

9.30 Introduction

9.45 Brief powerpoint presentation and discussion on the educational system, and the place of religion within it, from each team:

Belgium (HIVA)

Germany (DU)

Ireland (ESRI/UCD)

Malta (UOM)

Scotland (UE)

11.00 Coffee break

11.20 Brief European overview: the relationship between education and religion in different types of systems across Europe. (short presentation from EUI)

11.45 Discussion: What topics/headings should be covered in the country notes?  
Set deadline for country notes (month 3).

1-2pm Lunch break

2.00 Discussion: Mapping issues in the existing research literature. What research is already available on religion and schooling at the national and European levels? What kinds of issues does it address?

3.00 What headings should be used to structure the review of the literature?  
Set deadline for submission of note on national-level research to DU for incorporation into literature review (to be finished in month 4).

3.45 Coffee break

4.00 Discussion: What secondary data sources are available which can be used to explore religious affiliation and values as a context for the study?

5.30 Finish

7.30 Dinner, The Winding Stair restaurant, Ormond Quay Lower

**Thursday 9.30-5 (Conference Room 2, ground floor)**

9.30 Practical issues:

- Set date for next meeting (month 8)
- Discussion of membership of national advisory groups (suggestions from the national teams); their role and inputs
- Proposed content of the website
- Budget procedures (Mary Dowling)

10.30 Preliminary 'brainstorming' on conceptual framework of the study

11.00 Coffee break

11.20 Conceptual framework (continued)

1pm Lunch break

2pm Discussion of methodology for primary research

- How will schools be selected?
- How can parents be identified?
- Any problems envisaged
- Possible topics to be covered

5pm Finish