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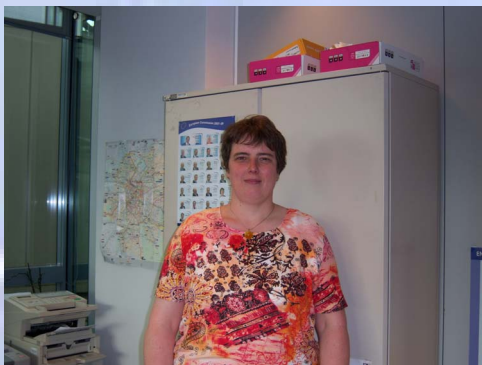
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Changes in the Twinning and SIGMA Co-ordination Team

The past month has seen important changes in the composition of the Twinning and SIGMA Co-ordination Team in DG Enlargement.

Claudia DZIERSK and Gabor TÖRÖK have left our Team for new horizons.

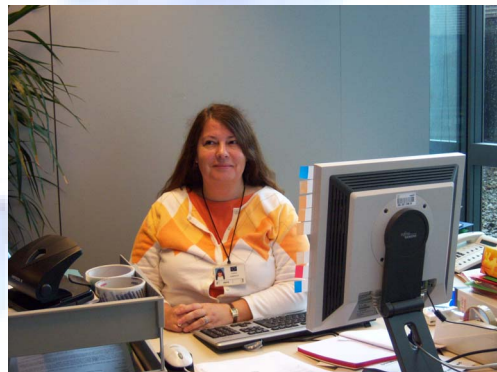


Claudia started working for the political section of the European Commission Delegation in Moscow;



and Gabor joined the Research Executive Agency (REA) of the European Communities in Brussels.

The good news is that on 1 September Carola GUMBRECHT joined the Twinning and SIGMA Co-ordination Team to take over the tasks of Claudia DZIERSK.



Carola has been working for the European Commission since 1999 and has just come back from Washington, where she worked as Assistant to the Deputy Head of the Delegation.

On 1 October a well known face came back to the Twinning and SIGMA Co-ordination team: Ewa STADNIK.



Ewa used to work in our team and has been working in DG AIDCO for some time, before coming back to take up Gabor's position.

Continuation of Twinning project implementation *no 2 months summer break*

A full fledged Twinning project has an average duration of 20 months. Monthly and daily costs are charged to the Twinning budget throughout this period. Therefore it is to be advised that Twinning partners keep a normal level of activities all through the duration of the project. That means that too long summer breaks are not considered in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

A New Training Season *RTA Training and In-house training planned*

In December, the Twinning and SIGMA Co-ordination Team is planning new training sessions for future Resident Twinning Advisors and for colleagues in the Delegations:

- On 4 and 5 December the 37th Basic Training course for Resident Twinning Advisors will take place in Brussels. It is the first time that the training will be implemented with a new, more practice-oriented formula;
- On 11 December the 4th In-house Training Seminar for Twinning Coordinators will be organised in Brussels.

Those concerned will receive more information on these training soon.

Finally, remember not to hesitate to contact the Twinning and SIGMA Coordination Team for information or questions on both institution building instruments:

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