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Expert Group Meeting on the priority theme of the 47th session of the Commission for Social Development



"Promoting Social Integration"

8-10 July 2008, Helsinki, Finland

IRELAND CASE STUDIES

MABS: Challenge: How to assist people on low incomes, with no access to credit from mainstream financial institutions, to overcome indebtedness

Preventative Strategy for Unemployment: Challenge: How to avoid long term unemployment and long term dependence on welfare payments

Poverty Impact Assessment: Challenge: How to make sure that the impact of new policy initiatives on poverty is assessed before they are finally adopted

Social Inclusion Units in local authorities: Challenge: effectively coordinate services to achieve social inclusion at local authority level

Disability Sectoral Plans: Challenge: social and economic integration of people with disabilities

Office of the Minister for Integration: Challenge: coordinate policy and implementation across relevant Government Departments and agencies to achieve effective integration of immigrants and ethnic minorities