

## Taking a look at UK Excellence Awards

The importance of employing and retaining skilled people in the 50-plus age range is being recognised in a new award sponsored by the East of England Development Agency (EEDA). The East of England has one of the fastest growing populations in the UK and by current trends half the people will be over 50 by 2021, while the 15-29 year age group will account for only 42% of our region's population. The 2009 award went to Obsidian Consulting from Cambridge. EEDA closely follows the implementation of ESF6 CIA as one of the Managing Authorities of the partner regions.



## Roses hosted „Talent 50+“

On 23 & 24 November 2009, the Mayoress of Roses City Council invited local and regional policy-makers, social partners and the ESF6 CIA project partners from the Region of Western Macedonia to share and discuss good practices in the promotion of active aging. One of the presentations was given by Mr. Francisco Sosa, External Stakeholder Relations Manager of MRW, a Courier Service Company with subsidiaries all over Spain, that has always implemented good practices for its workers.



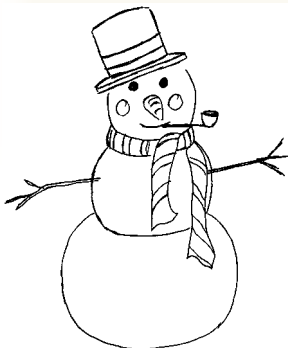
## More events in January and February 2010

Across all involved regions, project partners are currently working on the drafts of their action plans. To investigate the transferability of other regions' good practices, a number of study visits and seminars are taking place early in 2010:

- ✿ on 18 & 19 January 2010 at Patras, Greece
- ✿ on 20 & 21 January 2010 at Southwold, UK
- ✿ on 27 January 2010 at Teramo, Italy
- ✿ on 28 & 29 January at L'Aquila, Italy, and
- ✿ on 1 February 2010 at Leipzig, Germany.



The events are open to all relevant stakeholders in the promotion of active aging.



## Santa is an aged worker, too!

Santa Claus is one of the most popular aged workers on Earth. While nobody knows the tricks and magic that keep him as vital as ever, his reliable employability brings cheers to many families. One may consider Santa as a role model for active aging..

**We would like to wish all partners and supporters of ESF6 CIA a Merry Christmas, many nice presents, and a Happy New Year!**

