

# Building partnerships among Diverse groups

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# Why are partnerships needed ?

- PARTNERSHIPS ARE A FEATURE OF A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE
- EUROPEAN UNION USE THEM AS AN ESSENTIAL CRITERIA FOR STRUCTURAL FUNDS ALLOCATION
- BUILD COMMITMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
- ALTERNATIVE CREATES PROBLEM

# ALTERNATIVES

- CENTRALISED APPROACH
- CAPITALISTIC APPROACH
- INDIVIDUALISTIC APPROACH
- POWER OF THE MAJORITY

# Weaknesses of Non Partnership Approaches

- Some areas/regions/groups are considered less important
- Weak groups are eliminated/not considered
- Lack of commitment to policies by groups that are marginalised by process
- Problems of implementation
- Lack of sustainability

# Strengths of partnership approach

- Inclusive not exclusive
- Minority groups represented
- Policies more complex but easier to implement
- commitment means sustainability
- Social justice- minority Group voices heard and considered