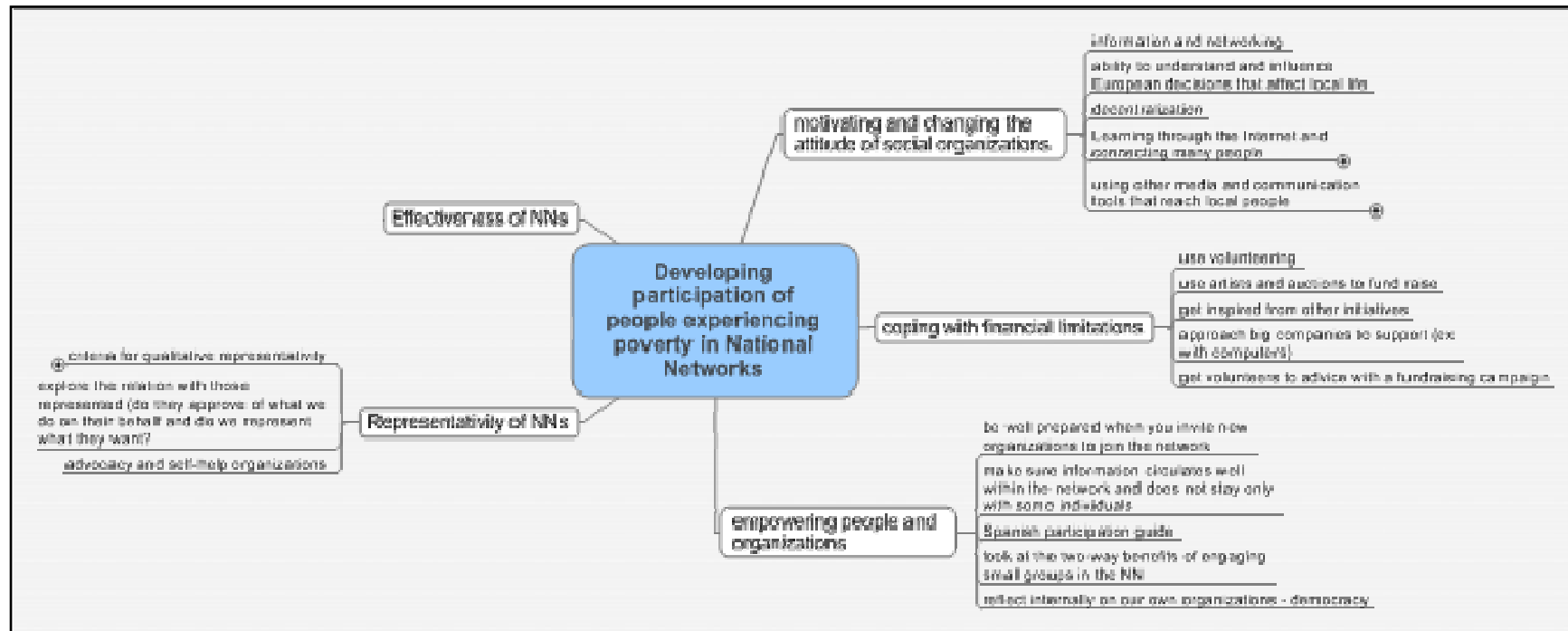# Developing participation of people experiencing poverty in National Networks

motivating and changing the attitude of social organizations

- information and networking
- ability to understand and influence European decisions that affect local life
- decentralization
- Learning through the Internet and connecting many people
  - free computers in libraries
  - set-up learning Programmes
- using other media and communication tools that reach local people
  - local radio
  - oral communication
  - local newspapers and tv

coping with financial limitations

- use volunteering
- use artists and auctions to fund raise
- get inspired from other initiatives
- approach big companies to support (ex with computers)
- get volunteers to advice with a fundraising campaign

empowering people and organizations

- be well prepared when you invite new organizations to join the network

- make sure information circulates well within the network and does not stay only with some individuals

- Spanish participation guide

- look at the two-way benefits of engaging small groups in the NN

- reflect internally on our own organizations - democracy

Representativity of NNs

- criteria for qualitative representativity
  - territorial (urban vs. rural)
  - decentralisation (reaching out to excluded communities)
  - multidimensional (gender/family; ethicity/race/national origin/minorities; age; health/disability)
- explore the relation with those represented (do they approve of what we do on their behalf and do we represent what they want?
- advocacy and self-help organizations

Effectiveness of NNs

- networks will send their contributions by email on this topic…