



European Competence Centre for Social Innovation: Communities of Practice

ESF+ COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE ON SOCIAL INCLUSION “MAPPING AND EXPLORATION EVENT ON THE SUBTHEME OF COMMUNITY LIVING AND EMPOWERING SOCIAL SERVICES”

OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT

- Discuss and map existing and new challenges regarding the social inclusion of people with support needs and persons with disabilities.
- Discuss and map the changing requirements of support systems and social services. Are services affordable, available, and effective?
- Review the ESF+ investments available to combat the existing and new challenges, including the ESF+ programming and preparations.
- Presentation of ESF+ funded interventions that proved to be effective in the light of the implementation of the 25% allocation requirement and the Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of the EU.

KEY INFORMATION

Date: Tuesday, 7 March 2023

Time: 10.00 to 13.00 (CET)

AGENDA

Time (CET)	Description
9.45-10.00	TECHNICAL SET-UP AND VIRTUAL WELCOME COFFEE Participants log in through the link at least 15 minutes before the beginning of the event to test the tools and have the informal chat with other participants.
10.00-10.15	OPENING AND WELCOME Welcome to the participants. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Asta Jurgutė, Head of the European Competence Centre for Social Innovation▪ Gunta Anca, Thematic expert in the field of community living and empowering social services Opening statement. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Jeroen Jutte, Head of Unit, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
10.15-10.30	THE STATE OF PLAY OF COMMUNITY LIVING AND EMPOWERING SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Haydn Hammersley, Social Policy Coordinator, European Disability Forum



10.30-11.30	MEMBER STATES REPORTS Member States' representatives will share their plans and ambitions. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Therese Fiorini, Chief Coordinator (Operational Programme II), Ministry for the Economy, European Funds and Lands, Malta▪ Ingrid Mangulson, Ministry of Social Affairs, Department of Smart Development, EU finances, Estonia▪ Ana Buljan, Head of Service for Control and Implementation of Projects II, Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy, Croatia▪ Kristine Lasmane, Ministry of Welfare, Department of Social Services and Disabilities, Latvia▪ Italy (TBC)
11.30-11.40	THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE PEOPLE CONCERNED Three video clips in which representatives of the people concerned will share their stories
11.40-11.50	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Including a short discussion on whether service users are involved when drafting calls.
11.50-12.00	COMFORT BREAK
12.00-12.10	THE STATE OF PLAY WITH REGARD TO EMPOWERING SERVICES <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Thomas Bignal, Head of Policy, European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities, Belgium
12:10-12:20	EFFECTIVE ESF+ INTERVENTIONS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF AN ESF INTERMEDIATE BODY <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Maria Tussy-Flores, European Programmes Director, ONCE Foundation, Spain
12.20-12.55	ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION The focus will be on how ESF+ and other EU funds are being used to address community living and empowering social services. We will also investigate how the social inclusion community of practice can help and support the member's work. Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Luk Zelderloo, Lead thematic expert in the field of social inclusion Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Gunta Anca, Thematic expert in the field of community living and empowering social services▪ Olga Martinez de Briones, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion Participating countries: Spain, Netherlands, Italy and others.



	<p>Questions for the Roundtable discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Is the ESF+ effectively used to address community living and empowering social services in your country?2. Do you have a promising practice to share?3. How could the CoP's Social Inclusion work support you in community living and empowering social services?4. How can the existing ESF+ regulation be better used to achieve better outcomes with regard to community living and empowering social services?
12:55-13:00	<p>CONCLUDING REMARKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Haydn Hammersley, Social Policy Coordinator, European Disability Forum▪ Luk Zelderloo, Lead thematic expert in the field of social inclusion