

European Competence Centre for Social Innovation: Communities of Practice

ESF+ for Integrated Pathways: Fostering Social Cohesion: Exploring the mutual benefits of building a two-way inclusive society from the Care and Service viewpoint

21–22 May 2024 Lisbon, Portugal

Main Topic:

Exploring the benefits of investing in holistic migrant inclusion on the long-term care sector and addressing the needs of the ageing population.

Key information

Date: 21–22 May 2024

Location: Lisbon, Portugal

Agenda

21 May	
09:30–10:00	Welcoming coffee and Registration
10:00–10:15	Welcome Address <ul style="list-style-type: none">- European Commission Representative- MA Portugal
10:15–10:45	Introduction Round
10:45–11:25	Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Setting the parameters of the topic- Setting the context of migrant inclusion, the ageing population and the care sector in Europe
11:25–12:00	Coffee Break
12:00–13:20	Panel Discussions <p>Part 1: Exploring the Positive Contributions of Third-Country Nationals (TCNs) in the Care Sector</p> <p>Main Discussion Topic: The first panel will discuss how the local community is strengthened through positive exchanges between TCNs and locals, especially in the care sector.</p> <p>Aim: Concrete examples of good practices and suggested actions will be presented on the ways positive exchanges enhance communities.</p> <p>Part 2: Enhancing the Potential of Third-Country Nationals (TCNs) in the Care Sector: Exploring Funding Strategies</p> <p>Main Discussion Topic: The second panel discussion will delve deeper into the concrete actions/ measures needed to harness the potential of TCNs in the care sector, in a way that ensures a positive outcome for all persons directly involved.</p> <p>Aim: To discuss strategies for maximizing contributions, including accessing funding opportunities such as the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+).</p>

13:20–13:40	Moderated Q&A session with audience participation
13:40–14:30	Lunch Break
14:30–18:00	Study Visits Study visits in/around Lisbon will be organised to view concrete examples of the benefits of investing in migrant inclusion and the ageing population for more cohesive communities.
18:00–19:00	Free time
19:00–21:00	Dinner

22 May

9:00–9:15	Recap of Day One and Introduction to Day Two
9:15–11:30	<p>Workshops</p> <p>The workshops aim to offer an interactive space for participants to foster knowledge-sharing and capacity-building, enhancing policy implementation and outcomes to exchange knowledge and network.</p> <p>The workshops will delve into practical ways of how investing in migrant inclusion and the care sector can lead to better outcomes for society. It will also facilitate expertise exchange among Managing Authorities (MAs) and other relevant stakeholders. Attendees will gain insights into drafting calls and deliberating on mainstreaming versus targeting approaches.</p> <p>Participants will explore the following key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Addressing integration challenges in the care sector for TCNs: language and cultural adjustment - Overcoming employment barriers in the care sector for TCNs: Access to training, financing, qualification recognition, etc. - Targeted support for women in the care sector: identifying needs and implementing solutions; - Turning existing projects into ESF+ funded projects - What other topic would you like to discuss in the workshops? Share your thoughts with us here
11:30–12:30	<p>Conference Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary of key insights and outcomes from workshops - Acknowledgement of participants' contributions and next steps - Closing Remarks
12:30–14:00	Lunch