

Unlocking EU Funds for Social Inclusion: Investing in quality services, support and lives

*Brussels, 16.04.2024 – 9:00-17:30
European Economic and Social Committee (EESC),
Rue Van Maerlant 2, 1040 Brussels – Room VMA22*

8:45 – 9:00

Welcome Coffee

9:00 – 9:30

Welcome – Opening speeches

Speakers:

Thomas Bignal, Secretary General, EASPD

Krzysztof Balon, Member of the EESC

Nicolas Schmit, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, EC –
Video Message

9:30 – 10:50

Session 1: The floor to beneficiaries of EU funds

Moderation:

Mathias Maucher, Policy and Project Coordinator, SSE

Speakers:

Hannah Diry, Labour Market and Social Policy Officer, Dabei
Österreich, Austria

Mathilda Passanisi, Legal Advisor, CODEF, Belgium

Lourdes Márquez de la Calleja, Director of Alliances and
International Relations, Fundación ONCE [Intermediate Body],
Spain

Margaux Carpentier, Chargée de mission et coordination du Pôle
Europe Direct, Europe en Hainaut [Intermediate Body], France

Tomke Trávníčková, Project Manager, Ministry of Labour and
Social Affairs [Managing Authority], Czech Republic

10:50 – 11:20

Session 2: Presentation of Social Services Helpdesk Project

Moderation:

Mathias Maucher, Policy and Project Coordinator, SSE

Speakers:

Lilith Alink, Policy and Project Officer, EASPD

Jeroen Jutte, Head of Unit European Social Fund+, DG EMPL, EC

11:20 – 11:40

Coffee Break

11:40 – 13:00

Session 3: Capacity building: Sharing knowledge –Training – Social Services Helpdesk

Moderation:

Jiří Horecký, President, EAN

Speakers:

Vít Jásek, Executive Director, Union of Employers' Associations of the Czech Republic, Czech Republic

Freddy Jussien, Junior Policy and Project Officer, EASPD

Jean-Marc Joachim, EU Project and International Relations Manager, Walloon Public Service, Belgium

Violina Ananieva, Institute for Community-based Social Services Foundation (ICSS), Bulgaria

Emma Murtagh, The Wheel, Access Europe, Ireland

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 14:10

Speech by Polish Minister

Katarzyna Nowakowska, Deputy Minister for Family, Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Poland

14:10 – 15:10

Session 4: Facilitation: Improving the access to and the use of ESF+ and ERDF in the field of social services in the EU MS

Moderation:

Alfonso Lara Montero, Chief Executive Officer, ESN

Speakers:

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Jonna Källström Böresson, Swedish ESF Council [Managing Authority], Sweden

Tamara Trento, Manager of Social Inclusion Unit, Regional Government of Lombardy [Managing Authority], Italy

Kathleen Wabrowetz, Head of International Unit, German Association for Public and Private Welfare, Germany

Santiago Reyes Diaz, Coordinator of European Programmes and Funds, Regional Government of Andalusia [Managing Authority], Spain

15:10 – 16:10

Session 5: Policy: Piloting and upscaling innovative and effective interventions in the field of social services

Moderation:

Freek Spinnewijn, Director, FEANTSA

Speakers:

Daniele Bregoli, Project Officer, SSE

Vanesa Cejor del Rey, Director of International Strategy, Hogar Si, Spain

Florian Sanden, Policy Coordinator, ENIL & Member of Helpdesk Project Advisory Board

Manuela Murru, Autonomous Region of Sardinia, Italy

16:10 – 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:20

Session 6: Panel debate on next steps: Prospects, challenges, and preconditions for the setting up of a Social Services Helpdesk

Moderation:

Aad Koster, 1st Statutory Vice President EAN & Vice-President SSE

Speakers:

Thomas Bignal, Secretary General, EASPD

Patrizia Bussi, Director, ENSIE

Alfonso Lara Montero, Chief Executive Officer, ESN

Edit Lakatos, Policy Officer, Housing Europe

Armelle Ledan, Lead Thematic Expert, CoP Social Innovation (ESF+)

17:20 – 17:30

Closing word & outlook

Lilith Alink, Policy and Project Officer, EASPD, for the project coordinator

Mathieu de Poorter, President, CEDAG, for the project consortium

17:30

Drinks

To access the website of the Helpdesk project and all the relevant documents presented



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