

**SAVE THE DATE: ENSA General Assembly 2018**  
**“EU Pillar on Social Rights: delivering at local level”**  
**Vänerns borg, 5<sup>th</sup>/ 6<sup>th</sup>/ 7<sup>th</sup> December**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the upcoming ENSA General Assembly to be held in Vänerns borg, Sweden. This event is a joint collaboration between ENSA, the Veneto Region, the European Youth Care Platform and the Vänerns borg Municipality.

**Objective:** EU leaders [proclaimed the European Pillar of Social Rights](#) at the [Social Summit in Gothenburg](#), Sweden, on November 2017. Joining the efforts of all actors to deliver results, this year General Assembly chooses Vänerns borg to focus on the implementation of the Pillar at local level. The areas will address elderly, disability, youth child and family issues. Policies, projects and practices will be collected with the purpose to include them in the civic dialogue between the European Institutions and both public and private stakeholders. We will focus on the following principles: Active support to employment; Education, Training and life-long learning; Equal opportunities; Childcare and support to children; Inclusion of people with disabilities; Long-term care.

This 3 days event will be shaped into the following format: day 1 will be dedicated to the Youth Care Platform, day 2 will collect practices, projects and policies on the implementation of the Pillar, day 3 will focus on an in depth exchange with Swedish professionals on selected topics and EU projects. You will find here enclosed a call for practices with a template in order to use them for the interactive discussion and future EU project proposals.

The schedule will be the following:

- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
14.00-17.00 Youth Care Platform, Topic: Youth Participation
- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
General Assembly, joint expert meeting on the implementation of the European Pillar of social rights in the different thematic areas of the ENSA working groups with the active participation of the Youth Care Platform, disability, elderly, child, Youth and family (projects, practices and policies)

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| 9.00-9.30   | Welcome from the Municipality of Vänerns borg, description of social system in Sweden at Local and national level  |
| 9.30-10.00  | Presentation of the European Pillar of Social Rights - EU representative   |
| 10.00-16.30 | General Local and National Framework on the implementation of the Pillar by Local coordinators. Interactive discussion about the selected good practices coming from Regional and Local Stakeholders |

- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

9.00-12.30 Elderly disability, youth and child working groups targeted meeting with Swedish representatives on selected topics: integrated care, loneliness, innovation, rare diseases, elderly and social links, sports and inclusion. This session will take the format of a speed dating event with one person responsible for each topic.

Your presence at this event is important to us. We look forward to seeing you there. Registration is free but compulsory. Please confirm your participation.

Sincerely,

**Pascal Tshibanda**, CEO Chief Executive Officer, Vänersborg Municipality

**Hon. Manuela Lanzarin**, Chair ENSA network, Regional Minister for Social Services Veneto Region

**Christine Gaschler-Andreasch**, Head of Youth Welfare in Carinthia, **Stefaan Van Mulders**, Flemish Agency for Youth Welfare, Chairs of the Youth Care Platform.

## Who we are:

### Vänersborg Municipality

Vänersborg is the regional capital, situated at the southernmost tip of Lake Vänern. The town administration serves its 39 000 inhabitants with schools, elderly care, health care, public housing, physical planning and roads and technical services. The social department at the municipality works within the fields of health and social care, employment, integration, care for disabled etcetera. The vision of Vänersborg municipality is "Attractive and durable in all its aspects, throughout life." The social department of the municipality has about 1800 employees and the work range from health and social care to employment , integration and care for disabled and elderly. Examples of our activities are education and internship programs for youths and newly arrived immigrants, cross –sectorial work concerning children who are suspected victims of violence and daily care activities (such as janitorial work, crafts making and running a second-hand shop) for people with intellectual dysfunctions. Vänersborg municipality became a member of the ENSA network in 2009 and is now pleased to host this year’s General Assembly.

### ENSA

The ENSA European Network for Social Authorities is a network of cities and European regions that aims to promote international co-operation in the field of social care. Established by the Veneto region in 1999, the network has developed and supported strong partnerships between a wide range of regions and has carried out seminars, conferences, programmes and numerous exchanges of practitioners. This co-operation includes several projects financed by the European Commission. The network organises its work across five main areas – covering the elderly chair: Stockholm Malar Region, Nacka municipality; disability (Conseil Departmental du Val de Marne; children Flemish Agency for child welfare, youth and family chair Veneto Region. Once a year, working with the European institutions, a general assembly is held in order to share the lessons of the work done at local level and to participate actively in European policy-making and programmes.

### Youth Care Platform

The Youth Care Platform has been set up by the Flemish Ministry for Youth Welfare. This association gathers care providers and their umbrella organizations with those national, regional and local authorities with legal responsibilities for the youth care sector in EU Member States. Christine Gaschler-Andreasch, Head of Youth Welfare in Carinthia is chairing the platform since 2018.

### ELISAN

Elisan, the European Local Inclusion and Social Action Network is a network of elected representatives set up with the support of the Committee of the Regions, with participatory status at the Council of Europe. This body promotes awareness of social actions at local level and seeks answers to social needs and rights issues.

**These networks welcome new collaborations - Referees for further information**

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