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ELISAN EUROPEAN CONFERENCE – “YOUTH EMPLOYMENT: INVESTING IN SKILLS AND JOB CREATION”

ENSA – EUROPEAN NETWORK OF SOCIAL AUTHORITIES – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

KLAGENFURT, SEPTEMBER 16TH-17TH-18TH 2015

ELISAN, the European Local Inclusion and Social Action network, and the Region of Carinthia have the pleasure to invite you to take part at the European Conference “Youth employment: Investing in skills and job creation” that will take place in Klagenfurt on **Thursday, September 17th 2015, from 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The conference will be followed by the General Assembly of ENSA, European Network of Social Authorities, with the subsequent initiatives: on September 17th afternoon a meeting of the Youth Care Platform and study visits, on September 18th meetings in the field of elderly care, disability, youth and family, child and inclusion policies.

Youth (un)employment is an extremely important topic in our society, especially with regards to the current situation of an all-time high within the member states of the European Union. In March 2015 the unemployment rate in the Euro area was still at 11, 3 % and in the 28 EU member states at 9, 8 %. Young people remain particularly badly affected with an unemployment rate of 20, 9 % in the EU (March 2015). The highest rates are monitored in Greece (50, 1 % in January 2015), Spain (50, 1 %), Croatia (45, 5 % in the first quarter 2015) and Italy (43, 1 %).

Therefore, the European Commission put the promotion of youth employment high on the agenda and takes initiatives to counteract these trends: with a budget of about 6 billion Euros the Youth Employment Initiative supports the implementation of measures to ensure that young people up to age of 25 receive a good quality employment offer, continued education, an apprenticeship or a traineeship within four months after leaving school or becoming unemployed (Youth Guarantee Schemes). These measures are targeted especially at young people that were neither in education, employment nor training in regions with a youth unemployment rate above 25 % in 2012.

As the regions are particularly affected by the impact of youth unemployment, a joint approach of the regional and the European level as well as closely coordinated actions are crucial for the future of youth in the EU. Due to their importance, these issues have to be discussed at the highest political level of the EU institutions and the regions.

The objective of this conference will be to discuss the crucial initiatives on European level with high representatives and experts of the EU institutions and to exchange ideas and best practices from the regions. Thus, possible cooperation and common strategies will be identified in order to tackle youth unemployment jointly on European level.

The objective of the ENSA and connected meetings will be to invest in human capital and potentials. Partnerships and exchange of experiences will favor the development of EU project applications in the field of inclusive society and education, family policies, violence prevention, elderly well-being and nutrition, dementia and quality care. These themes will be connected to the opportunities of the EU programming period.

Draft Agenda**Wednesday September 16th**

- 15.00-18.00 **ELISAN Administrative Board**
 Languages: English/French/German
 Spiegelsaal, Carinthian Government, Arnulfplatz 1, 9020 Klagenfurt am
 Wörthersee
- 19.00/20.00 *Dinner*

Thursday September 17th

- 08.30-09.00 Registration
- 09.00-13.00 **ELISAN European Conference “Youth employment: Investing in skills
 and job creation”**
 Languages: English/French/German
 Spiegelsaal, Carinthian Government, Arnulfplatz 1, 9020 Klagenfurt am
 Wörthersee
- 09.00 **Welcome Dr. Beate Prettner**, Vice President of Elisan, Deputy Governor of
 Carinthia, Regional Minister for social and health affairs
- 09.05 **Welcome Mag. Christian Ragger**, Secretary General of Elisan, Regional
 Minister for hunting, animal protection, road safety and nature parks of
 Carinthia
- 09.10 **Welcome and introduction Mag. Martina Rattinger**, Director of the EU-
 Representation Office of Carinthia Brussels
- 09.15 **Keynote Speech: Prof. Eugen Freund**, Member of the European Parliament

09.30-11.00 Panel 1: Youth employment - the European perspective

Moderator: Mag. Martina Rattinger, Director of the EU-Representation Office of Carinthia Brussels

Prof. Eugen Freund, Member of the European Parliament

Dr. Beate Prettner, Vice President of Elisan, Deputy Governor of Carinthia, Regional Minister for social and health affairs

Mag. Christian Ragger, Secretary General of Elisan, Regional Minister for hunting, animal protection, road safety and nature parks of Carinthia

Mag. Peter Wedenig, Deputy Executive Director of the Public Employment Service AMS in Carinthia

Sylvie Carrega, President of Elisan, Vice President of UNCCAS, Deputy Mayor of Marseille

Manuela Lanzarin, Member of the Administrative Board of Elisan, Regional Minister for Social Services of Veneto Region

Questions from the audience

- 11.00-11.30 *Break*

11.30-13.00 Panel 2: Implementation of European youth employment initiatives, presentation of regional challenges and best practices, EU-projects

Moderator: Mag. Martina Rattinger, Director of the EU-Representation Office of Carinthia Brussels

Elisa Valía Cotanda, Researcher, Polibienestar Research Institute, University of Valencia

Omar Al Jattari, De Schoolbrug (The School Bridge), Expert in Community Education Work, Antwerp

Jean Max Trouillet, Director General of the services of CCAS Marseille

Mag.a Bruni Wagner, Head of department for human resources development and training of commercial chain SPAR in Carinthia

Martin Smith, Consultant in Public Health at Liverpool City Council

Expert from Veneto (tbc)

Questions from the audience

13.00-14.00 *Lunch buffet*

14.00-17.30 **ENSA Youth Care Platform**
Language: English without translation

or

Study Visits (Language: English without translation)

Youth and Disability

AVS-TAGESWERKSTATT- Sittersdorf

Sheltered employment workshops for 24 young people with disabilities offer the possibility of meaningful work within the framework of a daily structure. Activities are adapted to the individual requirements of the residents.

AVS-WOHNHAUS-Sittersdorf

Sheltered living offers the possibility of autonomous lifestyles for 12 residents. Services are adapted to the individual requirements of the residents.

Youth Employment – Traineeship for young people

ABC Auftragsfertigung Sondermaschinenbau Villach

ABC is an economic enterprise with social obligation and training centre for about 20 apprentices with disabilities. The objective is to provide young people with solid qualifications in order to prepare them to fit the requirements of the first labour market and help them to lead financially autonomous lifestyles.

More information: www.abc-auftragsfertigung.com

18.00 *Trip to Keutschach am Wörthersee with observation tower “Pyramidenkogel”*

19.30 *Dinner in Keutschach am Wörthersee*

Friday September 18th

09.00-15.00 **ENSA Working Groups**
Language: English without translation
Meeting Room
Verwaltungszentrum, Carinthian Government, Mießtaler Straße 1,
9020 Klagenfurt am Wörthersee

09.00-10.00 Plenary session Working Groups (Disability, Elderly, Child, Youth and Family)

- Main priorities and foreseen activities for 2015-2016

- 10.00-12.00 Working Groups - Disability & Elderly
- Kerstin Seipel (Sweden – Stockholm Malar Region - Municipality of Nacka)
 - Laurence Planchais, Miljana Dejanovic (France-Conseil Départemental du Val de Marne)
- 12.00-13.00 *Lunch buffet*
- 13.00-15.00 Working Groups - Child & Youth and Family
- Rudy de Cock (Flanders - Child & Family)
 - dott. George Louis Del Re, Director Family Affairs, Social and Health Department Veneto Region
- 15.00-18.00 EU Project proposals on dementia in elderly care

Information for the ENSA meetings



ENSA Child

Coordination: Child&Family, Flanders, Rudy De Cock

The European Commission puts child poverty and children rights in the forefront with the Recommendation 'Investing in Children – breaking the cycle of disadvantage', published in 2013. Since the recommendation, different measures and actions were developed on how to tackle child poverty and social exclusion through measures such as family support and benefits, quality child care and early-childhood education.

The ENSA Childhood Thematic Group positions its work within the priorities of the recommendation: we exchange and develop practices that have a positive impact on children and families in EU Member States.

During this general assembly we will focus on the following topics / projects:

- The role of Family Centers and other preventive models - Investing in the environment of the child
- Action against the non-take up of social rights in the fight against child poverty

If you have good practices / proposals for EU projects on these topics, please send your input to Rudy De Cock, rudy.decock@kindengezin.be, +32 (0)2 533 13 29

ENSA Youth and Family

Coordination Veneto Region

We will present and exchange good practices and project ideas in the field of:

- integrated strategies against youth disadvantage and violence;
- collaboration between stakeholders from the education and social sectors in fighting school drop out and exclusion;
- stimulating opportunities and projects initiatives to develop youth capacity building including with multimedia support.
- sports as a mean of social inclusion and integration

If you have good practices / proposals for EU projects on these topics, please send your input to elena.curtopassi@regione.veneto.it, +32 2 743 70 12

ENSA Disability

Coordination Conseil Départemental du Val de Marne. Laurence Planchais-Miljana Dejanovic

The European Union promotes the active inclusion and participation of disabled people in society, in line with the United Nation Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The ENSA Disability working group welcomes the EU efforts in the field of Disability through the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020, and implements the concrete actions to allow better inclusion of disabled people.

The work of ENSA Disability group is focused on:

- Persons with learning disabilities.
- Supported employment and work in the open labour market.
- Daily activities.
- Accessibility: Improving the design of accessible spaces for persons with disabilities regardless of their
- disability (physical, sensory, mental, cognitive or mental).
- Participation: allow equal participation of disabled people in public and political life.
- Innovative Practices and Innovative Policies

Through study visits and European projects, the ENSA Disability working group exchanges the knowledge and methodologies for a better answer to disabled people's needs. In next 2 years, the work of the ENSA Disability group will be focused on the project TRIADE (Training for Inclusion of Ageing people with Disabilities through Exchange) which has been selected in 2015 in the frame of European programme ERASMUS +/Strategic Partnerships.

For the edition 2015 of the ENSA General Assembly, please send your inputs to the ENSA Disability working group to: miljana.dejanovic@valdemarne.fr

ENSA Elderly

Coordination Stockholm Malar Region Municipality of Nacka. Kerstin Seipel

The working group would like to share experiences and call for best practices and contributions in relation to:

- a multidisciplinary conference on the theme of Nutrition Food and Aging that will be organized by the Pôle Allongement de la Vie Charles Foix on November 19th 2015 in Paris. The Pole Allongement de la Vie Charles Foix brings together scientific, public, private and local authorities working to promote a longer and better life. Partners: universities Pierre et Marie Curie and Paris-Est Créteil, the hospital group Charles Foix, the Council of Département Val de Marne, the “Communauté d’agglomération de Seine-Amont”, the Council for economic development, the regional health agency, the pension institutions, the Chamber of commerce and industry of Paris Val de Marne.
- Adherence to Therapy with two invitations: 20-22 November 2015 in Rimini for a Congress to the right to health and the 24th 25th February 2016 in Brussels for a European Congress on Adherence to therapy, organizer Senior, International Health Organisation. The increased life expectancy represents obviously a positive effect of the progress in prevention and care, but also implies a challenge for Health and Social Services. It is estimated that each year the poor adherence to medical treatments in Europe causes about 200,000 deaths and burdens on health and social expenditure up to 80 billion euro a year (AIFA source).
- Early frail detection and integrated care: how ICT solutions could help and enable elderly to stay on therapy and connected to care service providers (videocall application) ISRAA: would like to work on Health programme call PJ-4-2015: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/3hp/calls/hp-pj-015.html>. They could be the lead applicant and are looking for partners. Deadline on 15th September 2015.
- Integrated care to try to join the H2020 that will be presented on 18th September about Societal Challenges.
- A joint EU project proposal in the field of dementia care and approaches to improve the quality of life of patients and their carers “FoRGED - European Forum on Research, Good Practice and Expertise on Dementia”.
- Joining the Covenant on Demographic Change aiming to gather all local, regional and national authorities, and other stakeholders, that commit to cooperate and implement evidence-based solutions to support active and healthy ageing as a comprehensive answer to Europe’s demographic challenge. The Covenant on Demographic Change will be launched on 7 December 2015 at the Committee of the Regions (Brussels), with the support of the European Commission and the AFEINNOVNET (network on innovation and ageing) The following two days, 8 and 9 December, workshops will be organized to support local and regional authorities in developing and implementing an action plan on age-friendly environments.
- Physical activities as a way to increase the quality of life and well-being of elderly people: Grundtvig programme “IN MOTION” project to be shared as a starting point to other projects and European call opportunities (ISRAA Proposal)

If you have proposals and European projects on these themes please send your inputs to: Kerstin Seipel kerstin.seipel@nacka.se cell +46 070 431 76 00

ENSA Social Inclusion

Coordination: Flemish Agency for Integration

The objective of the ENSA working group on social inclusion is to support authorities in offering their services optimally in an ethnically diverse society. To achieve this we wish to stimulate cross-border exchange of existing practices and develop innovative trainings and methods. These practices, trainings or methods can be directed at:

- professionals working in the broad context of services for newcomers such as civic-integration courses, language trainings, career-orientation,,...
- professionals who assist regular services in the process of interculturalisation

- professionals in 'regular services' who feel dispossessed in dealing with the growing diversity of their customers

Integration covers all aspects of daily life in which living together in diversity is essential: opportunities to practice a new language, openness of the labor market, recognition of skills and degrees, the impact of mobile European citizens on social cohesion, user-friendliness of health-services, integration of travelling populations and Roma, orienting asylum-seekers, stimulating participation of newcomers in leisurely activities and organizations,... This working group is still in the starting blocks.

As our perspective is transversal we choose not to organise a separate meeting at this General Assembly. We will join the other working groups where we will intervene with ideas and projects on inclusion directed towards the different target groups.

If you have proposals and European projects on these themes please send your inputs to: Quentin Callens: quentin.callens@kruispuntmi.be

DRAFT AGENDA (V4)
YOUTH CARE PLATFORM
17TH SEPTEMBER 2015 IN KLAGENFURT (AT)

Venue: *Jugend am Werk Klagenfurt, Morogasse 20, 9020 Klagenfurt am Wörthersee (Transport from the ENSA conference on youth employment will be available)*

Agenda

All documents are available at <http://www.youthcare.eu/> (document section)

14:00 Welcome

(Stefaan Van Mulders, chair)

14:15 Welcome and introduction by our host *Jugend am Werk*

14:30 After Care Guarantee – State of play on the project
First presentation of the policy paper 'Instrument and policies for after care', actual policies in the participating regions and in Europe
Preparation of the Focus groups and pilots
Comments by the Youth Care Platform-members
(Maria José Aldanas, FEANTSA)

The After Care Guarantee project is funded under the Erasmus+ (Youth – KA 2). The Youth Care Platform is acting as advisory board of the project.

From institutionalized care to community based care: state of play in European regions

In the previous meeting (Brussels, 28th of April) we discussed how shifting the legal competences from the national to the local level will lead to more community based care in The Netherlands. Going more into depth seemed inspiring for other regions. Therefore in this meeting we want to elaborate further on this by hearing the state of play and the experiences of other regions on community based care and de-institutionalization (DI).

15:30 Introduction: De-institutionalization and community based care at European level

Observations on the European Commission's view and policies
(Jos Sterckx, Knowledge Center Social Europe)

15:40 Key note: societal, political and ethical aspects of residential and community based (special) youth care

(TBC, University of Klagenfurt)

Contact:



16:00 Key note: ‘Signs of Safety’. An innovative strengths-based, safety-organized approach to child protection casework

Back ground documents:

- [Signs of Safety Framework 2011](#) (Explaining the model)
- [Changing the way we do child protection](#) (Implementation of the model in the Australian youth protection)
- [Aspiring to partnership](#) (about the paradigm shift from ‘paternalism’ to ‘partnership’)
- See also <http://www.signsofsafety.net/>

(Nele Haedens, Flemish Agency for Youth Welfare)

16:10 Local perspectives, inspiring cases

All regional representatives are invited to present – briefly! – the vision, policy and practices applied in their region (giving your region’s field of competence) on community based care and DI. See the context note.

17:00 Conclusion

How to proceed with these experiences? Should we work further on (bilateral?) exchange?

17:10 Follow up Europe’s social policies

What’s happening in Europe (Actual topics at EU-level that impact the youth care)
(Jos Sterckx, Knowledge Center Social Europe)

17:20 Management issues

Website, membership, expanding the network to new regions and partners, ...
Planning next meeting in March 2016, Brussels. This will also be the closing event of the After Care Guarantee project.

17:30 End of the day

COMMENTS

*Please send all comments to
Jos Sterckx, Knowledge Center Social Europe
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**YOUTH CARE PLATFORM - 17TH SEPTEMBER
2015 IN KLAGENFURT (AT)
REQUEST FOR YOUR INPUT**

During the 4th meeting of the Special Youth Care Platform (SYCP) on the 28th of April 2015 we discussed "Transition in care - from institutionalized care to community based care". To feed the discussion we asked all delegations to prepare a small presentation, but due to lack of time we were not able to hear all contributions. Even more we felt it was really relevant to exchange more on local policies, cases, experiences. Therefor we want to elaborate more on this theme with some key note presentations (see [agenda](#)) and a contribution from all regional delegations.

To prepare this exchange we ask you to prepare a short presentation/intervention on the following:

MAIN THEME/TITLE: TRANSITION IN CARE - FROM INSTITUTIONALIZED CARE TO COMMUNITY BASED CARE.

This considers transitions in the organisation of special youth care towards a more community based care as well as transition of the policy level from national to local authorities.

QUESTIONS TO ADDRESS:

Policies and state of play on the practice of 'community based care in your region:

Local/regional policies and strategies

- What's the regional strategy on community based care/residential care?
- Is there an impact of austerity policies (budget cuts) in your sector and services? Are these measures addressed to the professional sector and/or do they also impact on the client's level?
- Are services organized by private or private bodies?
- Do the (former) residential care providers play a role in family and community based care? Which residential care capacity is still needed?
- What is the role of the political level and the managing (funding) authorities?

Contact:



Services and care (operational level)

- What forms of guidance, aid and mediation for youngsters are put in place? Role of foster care and home care? Do you have good practices to share?
- Special care vs overall services: youth welfare, care in schools and regular services vs need for intervention by authorities and specialized services: analysis, instruments and interventions by authorities
- Role of prevention? What/how? Can prevention replace curative care? Or better: to what extent can prevention replace professional/residential care?

'Signs of Safety' approach

The '[Signs of Safety](#)' approach will be presented as key note. Is this approach known and used in your region? If yes, can you share your experiences?

Conclusions

- What is the biggest pitfall, problem, risk, ... in your care system?
- What is your biggest opportunity, perspective, strength?

You're free to choose these aspects which are relevant to your situation and knowledge. We hope that all these presentations together will lead to an inspiring exchange of ideas.

Please keep your presentation short (max 5 – 8 min). A supportive powerpoint presentation of no more than 10 slides can be used.

CONTACT

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