

**Networking and round table for the  
project promoters of the 2014 and 2015  
EaSI PROGRESS social policy experimentation calls  
10 September 2019, Brussels**

## Agenda

- 14:00 - 14:30** *Welcome Coffee*
- 14:30 - 14:40** Welcome address by Katalin Eszter Somody, Social Innovation Team Leader, Social Investment Strategy Unit, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- 14:40 - 16:00** Presentation by the beneficiaries about the main achievements of their projects (5 min. each)
- 16.00 – 18.30** World Café discussion about the lessons learnt during the implementation of the projects and suggestions for the future
- 19:00 - 22:00** *Networking dinner (projects' representatives and project managers from the European Commission)*

# Social Innovation for Social Services

## - Dissemination seminar for the EaSI projects in this field -

### 11 September 2019, Brussels

#### Objectives and expected outcomes

The main objective of the seminar is to disseminate promising practices of EaSI Social Innovation projects in the field of social services and to provide an opportunity for networking with the view of further upscaling and mainstreaming into the ESF.

**Delivering social services** – which is one of the three strands of the active inclusion approach and part of Principle 14 of the European Pillar of Social Rights - **in an integrated way** can really improve their efficiency and effectiveness as it ensures a better continuity of services, avoids duplications and gaps, facilitates information and knowledge sharing among the service providers and thus provides quicker, better and more comprehensive responses to the users' needs.

This is why both in 2015 and 2016, the Commission selected, for financing through the **EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSi)**, projects promoting **innovative integrated approaches to the delivery of social services**. EaSI pays special attention to the promotion of social policy innovation as a way to improve the quality and effectiveness of social policies and to ensure that policy reforms aim at responding better and in a more efficient manner to social needs.

This event builds on the first results of these social innovation projects in the social services' field financed by the Commission through EaSI. The results of these projects will feed into the **exchange of knowledge and good practices on innovative policy approaches to the reform of social services** in the EU Member States. Organisations representing social service providers such as ESN, Eurodiaconia or EASPD will be involved.

There is evidence that projects awarded under EaSI, which tried to move to the **upscaling** phase, have faced difficulties when reaching out to the ESF or national funding programmes, with the aim of rolling out their successful practices. Therefore, this event will play an important **dissemination** role in view of more **stringent participation by the relevant national authorities** in the upscaling of the successful EaSI experimentations.

The event also represents a **networking opportunity for social policy innovation stakeholders**, within and outside the Commission, to **exchange their experiences on how to best promote social innovation**. The event will involve colleagues dealing with social innovation in other DGs in the participation in the debate.

The **outcomes of this event** will feed on the one hand, into the developments of the Commission's guidance to the Member States on the reform of social services and, on the other, into further development of the social innovation policy.

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- 09:00 - 09:30**      *Registration of participants*
- 09:30 - 09:45**      Keynote address by Mrs **Katarina Ivanković-Knežević**, Director for Social Affairs, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- 09:45 - 11:15**      Panel discussion on the **integrated delivery of social services**, moderated by Mrs **Monika Chaba**, Policy Officer, Social Investment Strategy Unit, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- This session will address the issue through the presentation of a discussant and the lessons learned from relevant projects funded by the Commission (EaSI/Progress).*
- Mrs **Laura Rayner**, Economic and Social Policy Officer, Eurodiaconia
  - Representative of the **Resisor** project (Spain)
  - Representative of the **MISSION** project (Belgium)
  - Representative of the **PACT** project (Spain)
- 11:15 - 11:45**      *Coffee Break*
- 11:45 - 13:15**      Panel discussion on **integrated social services for the integration in the labour market** moderated by Mr **Luk Zelderloo**, Secretary General, European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities
- This session will address the issue through the presentation of a discussant and the lessons learned from relevant projects funded by the Commission (EaSI/Progress).*
- Mr **Alfonso Lara Montero**, Chief Executive, European Social Network
  - Representative of the **SIPA** project (France)
  - Representative of the **HomeLab** project (Hungary)
  - Representative of the **ESTI@** project (Greece)
- 13:15 - 14:30**      *Walking Lunch*
- 14:30 - 16:45**      Workshop to discuss **how to upscale and mainstream the social innovation projects into the ESF, with specific focus on the next programming period**
- The workshop will be introduced by discussants, followed by world café discussions*
- Mrs **Armelle Ledan**, Social Innovation Project coordinator, European Association for Information on Local Development
  - Mrs **Silvia Ferreira**, The Portuguese Social Innovation Programme
  - Mrs **Maria-Anna Paraskeva**, Policy Officer - ESF and Cohesion policy, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
  - Mr **Henk Visser**, Policy Coordinator - Policy activities of the EaSI programme, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- 16:45 - 17:00**      Other Directorate-Generals' activities in the field of social innovation
- 17:00 - 17:15**      Concluding remarks by Mr **Jiří Švarc**, Head of the Social Investment Strategy Unit, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion