



'Moving towards independent living and community-based care - EU funding instruments to support the development of community-based services'

A conference organised on behalf of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, by the Framework service contract supporting peer reviews and other mutual learning processes in the fields of employment, social affairs and inclusion, and the ESF Transnational Platform

Brussels, 17th June 2019

Venue: Van Maerlant Building, 2 rue Van Maerlant, Brussels

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Key Objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve the capacity at local, regional and national level to develop measures supporting the transition from institutional to independent living community-based care, using EU funding instruments; To support the capacity of people with support needs, in particularly marginalised groups, to take an active part in designing support and services in the community. To facilitate transnational exchange on independent living and community-based care. 	
08.30 – 09.00	Arrival of participants & Registration
09:00 – 09:45	Opening & welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting the scene: aims, objectives & format of the day, Maria-Anna Paraskeva, Senior Policy Officer, European Commission and Fintan Farrell, Thematic Expert, ESF Transnational Platform's Thematic Network on Inclusion, AEIDL Introduction to the transition from institutional to community-based care, Milan Šveřepa, Executive Director of Inclusion Europe, Member of the European Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community-based Care (EEG) Putting the seminar in the EU policy context, Loris Di Pietrantonio, Head of Unit, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission <p><i>Plenary session chaired by Fintan Farrell, ESF Transnational Platform's Thematic Network on Inclusion</i></p>
09:45 – 10:30	Overview of the State of Play in Europe and selected countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From institutions to community living for persons with disabilities. A European perspective, Astrid Podsiadlowski, Head of Sector, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) Moving towards "Housing First" for homeless people in Austria, Sina Lipp, Consultant on learning and innovation, Neunerhaus Community-based services for children without adequate parental care in Croatia, Slavenka Martinovic, Independent expert <p><i>The European experts will give an overview of the situation in their country, including key policy and strategic documents, the main actors involved, existing community-based services and support, resources available and M&E, based on the produced background paper. (10 – 15 minutes per presentation)</i></p>
10:30 – 11:00	Next steps towards independent living: Moderated discussion on the current developments on the transition from institutional to community-based care <i>Q&A with EEG representative, the European experts, the European Commission and participants.</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:45	Presentation of Practices in parallel sessions <u>Session A: Use of Personal Assistance</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to personal assistance, Frank Sioen, Advocacy Officer, European Network of Independent Living (ENIL), Member of the EEG)



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	<p><u>Presentations of practices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-based services and deinstitutionalisation in Estonia: an ESF project, Ingrid Mangulson, Chief specialist, Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs • Personal assistant “To be or not to be”, Noor Seghers, Project Coordinator, KU Luven • Model for an Independent Living for People with Disabilities in Portugal, Humberto Santos, Director, Instituto Nacional para a Reabilitação <p><u>Session B: Early Intervention¹</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to early intervention: Katerina Nanou, Senior Policy and Advocacy Coordinator at Eurochild, Member of the EEG <p><u>Presentations of practices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the family carers: “RePairs Aidants”, Bénédicte Kail, National Advisor on education and families, APF France Handicap • “One Moment” project, Ljiljana Ban, President, FICE Croatia • “Senior Club” as an example of early intervention in Portugal, Gonçalo Solla, director, Fundação LIGA <p><i>Each presentation will be 10 minutes followed by 5 minutes of Q&A</i></p>
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 14:15	<p>EU funding instruments for transition to community-based care and support in the future funding period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ESF and other structural and cohesion funds, Maria-Anna Paraskeva, Senior Policy Officer, European Commission • The European Regional Development Fund, European Commission (tbc) <p><i>This session will focus on giving an overview of EU funding instruments including structural and cohesion funds as well as the European Regional Development Fund and explain the use of the “enabling conditions”, and also highlight past challenges in the use of funds.</i></p>
14:15 – 15:30	<p>Working group breakout session 1: Next steps to move away from institutional care to independent living and community-based care</p> <p><i>Working group including all stakeholders (government representatives, service providers, NGOs) to be facilitated by the AEIDL/Mutual Learning Service (MLS) team. This session will provide the opportunity for stakeholders reflect on the practices, and to interact and envisage next steps to advance.</i></p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:15	<p>Working group breakout session 2: Collaborating transnationally to design community-based services to support independent living.</p> <p><i>Working group including all stakeholders (government representatives, service providers, NGOs) to be facilitated by the AEIDL/MLS team. This session will focus on deriving some concrete transnational project ideas, using EU funds.</i></p>

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17:15 – 17:30	Key messages and reflections <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maria-Anna Paraskeva, Senior Policy Officer, European Commission and Fintan Farrell, Thematic Expert, ESF Transnational Platform's Thematic Network on Inclusion, AEIDL
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