Social Innovation (+) Initiative

European Competence Centre for Social Innovation: ESF+ Community of Practice on Material Support

Involving the target group: from decision-making to the provision of support

10-11 April 2024 Athens, Greece Wyndham Grand Athens, 2 Megalou Alexandrou street, GR 10437, Athens

DAY 1

Date: Wednesday, 10 April 2024

Time: 10:00-17:00

Agenda

Time	Description
9:30-10:00	Registration
10:00–10:10	 Opening and Welcome Cristiana Costinescu, Deputy Head of Unit, DG EMPL, Unit F5 Cyrpus, Greece, European Commission Sofia Zacharaki, Minister of Family and Social Cohesion, Greece Charalampos Bonanos, Deputy Regional Gonvernor of Western Greece Region
10:10-11:00	 Material Support System in Greece Eleni Fotopoulou, Head of Unit B – Management and Monitoring, Greece Mary Xenou, Coordinator of Western Greece FEAD Accompanying measures, General Directorate of Public Health & Social Welfare of Western Greece Region, Greece Petros Diamantis, Social Worker MSc – Executive of the Deputy Mayor of Preschool Education and Creative Employment Services and Katerina Samali, Social Scientist MSc – Executive of the Deputy Mayor of Social Protection, Municipality of Katerini, Greece
11:00–11:15	Questions & Answers
11:15–11:45	Participation Of Vulnerable Groups: Theoretical Framework - Dr Agathe Osinski, research officer, University of Paris Nanterre
11:45–12:00	Questions & Answers
12:00-13:00	Lunch



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13:00–14:30	 Panel Discussion In this session, the speakers will discuss initiatives aimed at involving the target group at various levels in different countries and explore their impact. Dr Agathe Osinski, research officer, University of Paris Nanterre, France Paula Cruz, Coordination of the European Projects and Policies Unit European Anti-Poverty Network Portugal (EAPN Portugal) Estelle Tavoli, institutional relations officer at Les Restos du Coeur, France Lesley O'Reilly, Community & Family Development Worker, St Kevin's Family Resource Centre, St Kevin's Girls National School, Ireland Jiri Bradac, Project manager, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic
14:30-15:00	Coffee break
15:00–16:30	Interactive workshop During this session, the COP members will use participatory methodologies to explore different approaches and address challenges related to involving the target group.
16:30-17:00	Presentation of the workshop results / reflections
18:00-19:30	Dinner

DAY 2

Date: Thursday, 11 April 2024

Time: 9:00-14:00

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9:00-12:15	 Site Visits Athens (in Attika) Expanded Community Center (with special department for ROMA) of the Municipality of Fili Network for Children's Rights. Development Association of Western Athens (ASDA) NGO "iasis"
12:15-12:30	Coffee break
12:30-12:50	Feedback from the Site Visits
12:50-13:00	Closing Remarks - Simona Pulbere, Policy Assistant, European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs, and Inclusion
13:00-14:00	Lunch

