

EASPD Provider Forum

Bratislava, Slovakia – September 7-8, 2015

Narrative Report

1. CONTEXT

The Annual Conference SocioFórum (member of EASPD) with 7th Slovak Service Providers' Forum took place on September 7 and 8, 2015 in Bratislava. 144 people attended the conference. Main topics were addressing the fulfilment of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, different sustainability of CBS and new legislative proposal supportive to community based services.

2. PROVIDER FORUM PROGRAMME AND DISCUSSIONS

During the conference, a short summary of an alternative report on the fulfilment of the convention was introduced. There were presentations on specific negative impacts of institutional care for people with disabilities and defining obstacles in their integration. Also a group of people with physical disabilities prepared a brief report on monitoring the barriers that people with physical disabilities face. They discussed physical barriers and other barriers that separate the world of common population from the world of people with physical disabilities - communication, attitudes and lack of understanding. Also debated was the issue of legislation not being helpful in the removal of barriers.

Another matter of discussion was the long-term sustainability of social services providers - comparison of three countries (Slovakia, Czech Republic and Austria) and also a debate about a suggestion to split the Act of social services into three separate Acts, discussed by people from praxis. The organizations from the supported projects were prepared and involved intensively in the discussion, where not only their good practices, but also naming the risks and issues of service providing that have not been sufficiently solved yet, defined clearer direction in legislation and the content of the services, including target groups and types of service. The services should be set in a way that allows achieving their goals - fulfilling their purpose (social integration, long-term care of seniors,...).

Programme

Monday, 09/07/2015

11:30 to 12:00 Registration

12:00 to 12:15 Welcome and Introduction - Vladislav Matej (SocioFórum), Franz Wolfmayr (EASPD)

12:15 to 13:15 SESSION 1

Alternative report on implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

- Alternative Report to report EASPD EU - Franz Wolfmayr (EASPD)
- Alternative Report to report SR – Zuzana Stavrovská (NROPZ)

13:15 to 13:30 Break

13:30 to 15:00 SESSION 2

Obstacles to fulfillment of the right - examples of community practice

- Inability legal capacity and its consequences on the example of facility DSS Slatinka - Denisa Nincová
- Monitoring of public buildings - Responding to the Challenge Ombudsman on accessibility of public buildings - the output of the Summer Workshop
- How to ensure equal opportunities in Slovakia / Horizontal priorities in OP HR 2014-2020 – Oľga Pietruchová, MPSVR

15:00 to 15:30 Summary of the day, an invitation to GA and evening receptions - Vlado Matej

16:00 to 18:00 General Assembly of SocioFórum (members only)

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. evening reception

Tuesday, 8 9.2015

8:30 to 10:00 SESSION 3

Sustainability of social services and their development / Compare the situation in the Czech Republic, Austria and Slovakia

- Roman Belová Silesian Diaconate, Ostrava
- Cyril Korpesio, ADCH, Košice
- Franz Wolfmayer, Chance B, Styria

10:00 to 10:15 Break

10:15 to 12:15 SESSION 4

Financing of social services and new law proposal

- What changes can we expect in 2016 - a position the Ministry of Labour on this issue and Offer national projects OP HR – Peter Szabo, MPSVR
- Overview of the financial systems across EU, including direct payments and use of vouchers – Stefana Cankova, EASPD
- Building community-based services need simpler and less regulated legislation
Proposal to change the Law on Social Services to three laws with the advantages and disadvantages of such a separation – Vladislav Matej, SOCIA

12:30 to 13:15 Lunch

13:15 to 15:00 SESSION 5

Workshop for all target groups - discussion about new law proposal + illustration of some theses on practical examples. Panel discussions sharing best practices and experiences to make proposal to the new law for each target group.

- seniors and long term care
- people with disabilities
- prevention and crisis intervention

15:00 to 15:30 Summary of workshops, conferences conclusion



3. OUTCOME AND FOLLOW-UP

Discussion about new law proposal has not been finished yet and the organizations are willing to continue further (this setting, the complex of services aiming for social integration is applied in the strategy of solving homelessness). In March 2016 are national election in Slovakia and all agreed that this is good time to speak widely about financing and new legislative. Several expert meeting would be prepared in 2016.

4. PARTICIPANT LIST (attachment)