Final Report Service Providers Forum

Slovenia

6-7 November 2008

Aims and objectives

Through the organising of provider forums (aiming at: networking and providing information about values and principles of the EU), EASPD aims at helping local service providing organisations to set up umbrella structures for providers and to prepare for entry in the EU. Through these forums service providing organisations can improve the communication with each other in order to fine-tune the service provision and to exchange models of good practice amongst themselves and with other European Union countries.

Local partnership

The forum was organised by EASPD in cooperation with SOUS, Zveza Sonček and the Institute for Rehabilitation in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

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Date and place

The service provider forum took place in Ljubljana, Slovenia on the 6th and the 7th November 2008.

Programme

6th November 2008

9h30 – 10h00	**Welcome and introduction** EASPD, SOUS, Ministry of Labour Family and Social Affairs
10h00 – 10h40	**Introduction to the EU structure and legislation** EASPD, Mr. Luk zelderloo (40 min)
10h40 – 11h00	**Impact of European legislation on the sector in the country** Ministry of Labour Family and Social Affairs, Mr. Davor Domikus (20 min)
11h00 – 11h20	Coffee break
11h20 – 12h00	**Debate**
12h00-12h30	**EU budget lines** EASPD, Ms. Goedele Avau (30min)
12h30 – 13h00	**Debate**
13h00 – 14h00	Lunch
14h00-14h30	**Fundraising for service providers** EASPD, Mr. Luk Zelderloo (30 min)
14h30 – 15h00	Coffee break
15h00 – 16h00	**Project management and development** EASPD, Mr. Luk Zelderloo (30 min) Leonardo Agency, Mr. Ales Vidmar (30 min)
16h00-17h00	**Debate (end of the first day)**

7th November 2008

9h30 – 10h00	**Feedback from the previous day**
10h00 – 10h30	**Views of the authorities on Social Service Provision for Persons with a disability**

	Ministry of Labour Family and Social Affairs, Mr. Cveto Ursic (30 min)
10h30 – 11h00	**Social Service Providers– legal framework, challenges, difficulties** SOUS, Ms. Valerija Buzan (30 min)
11h00 – 11h20	Coffee break
11h20-12h45	**Network building – training, presentation of best practice models** EASPD, Mr. Luk Zelerloo, and the Slovenian practice
12h45 – 13h00	**Debate**
13h00 –14h00	Lunch
14h00 – 15h00	**Stakeholder cooperation** EASPD, Mr. Luk Zelderloo (60min)
15h00– 15h20	Coffee break & Networking
15h20 – 16h00	Future cooperation and sustainable cooperation
16h00-16h30	**Final conclusions**

Participants list and profile

A list of participants is available in annex. The audience consisted mainly of directors and management of Slovenian service provider organisations.

Main conclusions

About 45 representatives from Slovenian service provider organisations gathered on the 6th and the 7th November in Ljubljana, Slovenia, to discuss a possible strengthening of the sector and to be introduced to the EU and the different opportunities and challenges the status of 'EU member state' brings. Representatives of the Ministry of labour, family and social affairs of Slovenia presented their perspective on the impact of European legislation on the social sector. Furthermore, different opinions of the representatives of the Ministry and the service providers about organising services in Slovenia were confronted, and the advantages as well as the disadvantages of the system were exposed. The discussion was concluded with the presentation of examples of good practices of Slovenian organisations involved in European projects.

The forum can be assessed as successful. The participants got some very useful information and a view into the structure of the system. They realised how important horizontal (networking) as well as vertical (stakeholder) cooperation is, and they learned more about the common values in Europe such as participation, inclusion, freedom of choice and the right to employment. All these values apply nowadays also for persons with disabilities.
We believe that the fear for engaging in European projects has diminished and that some organisations even have the intention to develop or to join such projects.
The forum is a chance for SOUS to figure out and define common goals and values, and to determine which values bind us with the EU. It's important to know who makes the decisions about us in the European parliament. The next European elections offer an opportunity to question some issues at this level and to clarify how the representatives of Slovenia would organise the implementation of the rights for persons with disabilities.
The economic crisis in the world and Europe can be seen as a new opportunity for redefining the values. It's an opportunity to search for new solutions outside the existing mind set - new solutions needed to fulfil the needs of our users.

Follow-up

The intention is to organise a follow up forum in 2009. The programme of this second forum is not fixed yet.

Budget

Costs

Staff costs

Administrative Staff EASPD	10 days	€ 2000.-	EASPD

Travel and Subsistence

Venue	2 days	€ 180.29	EASPD
Catering	2 days	€ 805.26	SOUS
Travel EASPD	Plane, Luk Zelderloo Plane, Goedele Avau Ethias travel Insurance Taxi Mileage	€ 355.09 € 355.09 € 4.93 € 30.20 € 1.86	EASPD
Subsistence EASPD	Luk Zelderloo &	€ 23.00	EASPD

	Goedele Avau	€ 3.60 € 69.20	
Hotel EASPD	Luk Zelderloo Goedele Avau	€ 660.50	EASPD

Translation and Interpretation

Simultaneous Interpretation - Sarbi	2 days	€ 1056.00	EASPD
Simultaneous Interpretation – Zavod CIUP	2 days	€ 880.00	EASPD
Interpretation equipment - Robotrade	2 days	€ 1440.00	EASPD
Conference materials and invitations		€ 221.17	SOUS
Translation of conference documents		€ 500.00	EASPD

Other Costs

Flowers		€ 70.00	SOUS
Kranjc Hotels – the meeting		€ 108.67	SOUS
TOTAL COSTS		**€ 8764,86**	

Income

Conference fee		€ 0
EASPD and co-funding		€ 7559,76
SOUS		€ 1205,10
TOTAL INCOME		**€ 8764,86**

Annexes

- Programme of the event
- List of Participants