

## EASPD Webinar: Ensuring Staff Continuity in Social Services during the COVID-19 pandemic

**Wednesday 25th March, 14h00 CET, via Zoom**

### Context

On Wednesday 11th March the World Health Organisation officially characterized **COVID-19 as a pandemic**, meaning that the disease has spread around the world beyond the expectations of health experts.

Across Europe (and the world), **social service providers are struggling in dealing with the crisis**, in particular regarding how to guarantee both the **continuity of essential care** & support services and ensure that **social workers can continue to work as safely and healthily** as possible. Professionals in social services provide day-to-day care and support to millions of people in Europe, many of whom are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19.

This webinar will bring together experts who will present and discuss their actions and ideas regarding

- How to **manage continuity of crucial care** provision in times of crisis? What Services should be **prioritized**?
- How to ensure that care and **support workers can continue to work in the healthiest and safest conditions**?
- How can we guarantee **sufficient social care and support workers** in the weeks to come when/if the pandemic spreads further? Is there **a role for volunteers** and health and social work **students**?
- **What role for public authorities** in helping social service providers to deal with the crisis?

### Draft Programme

14h00	Welcome and Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jim Crowe</b>, President, EASPD</li> </ul>
14h05	Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: James Churchill, EASPD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Koen Lowet</b>, Belgian Federation of Psychologists (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>Ferran Blanco Ros</b>, SUPPORT, Catalonia, Spain</li> <li>• <b>Carla Silva</b>, Fenacerce, Portugal (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>Jiří Horecký</b>, President, Association of Social Service Providers, Czech Republic</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
14h40	Questions and Answers with Participants
14h55	Concluding Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kirsi Konola</b>, Vice President, EASPD</li> </ul>

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