

**Report Provider Forum
Tallinn 18-19.11.2013**

1. CONTEXT

The aim of the Provider Forum was to raise awareness on the Deinstitutionalisation process in Estonia through a seminar. The Estonian government currently still invests in existing institutions.

The Government is also working on an important reform aiming to support the employment, except for those unable to work. This reform has led to a big debate in Estonia. It will be difficult to maximise the success of this reform without an understanding and support of DI in Estonia. This reform could make it more difficult for people with disabilities to lead an independent life.

2. PROVIDER FORUM

Social and welfare services in support of the principles of participatory development needs, 18 November 2013

09.30 – 10.00	Welcome Coffee
10.00 – 10.30	Opening Introduction by Agne Raudmees, EVPIT Opening Introduction and views by Kirsi Konola, EASPD
10.30 – 11.00	Independent Living by Bugarszki Zsolt, Tallinn Uni.
11.00 – 11.30	Participatory principles of welfare social services in Europe – Irene Bertana, EASPD
11.30 – 12.00	Coffee
12.00 – 12.30	Capacity of Work Reform by Marit Liik , Ministry of Social Affairs
12.30 – 13.00	Special Welfare Development Plan 2014-2020 by Bärbel Vapper, Ministry of Social Affairs
13.00 – 13.30	Deinstitutionalisation by Kirsi Konola, EASPD
13.30 – 14.15	Lunch
14.15 – 14.45	Special welfare service providers in Estonia, introduction and exchange presentation of views by Huko Laanoja
14.45 – 15.10	Views from Unemployment Office by Pille Liimal, Estonian Unemployment Insurance Fund
15.10 – 15.30	Providing inclusive services by Helle Känd and Agne Raudmees
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee and Conclusions

The Seminar for Service Providers took place in Tallinn, in the Estonian Chamber of Disabled People at the following address: Toompuiestee 10, Tallinn, 10142, Estonia



There was no participation fee for the seminar.

3. OUTCOME AND FOLLOW-UP

The Seminar was very useful for the participants who attended who asked many questions, especially with regard to the reform on the capacity of work.

Some of service providers had very low belief in the reform and the work of the Unemployment office and their capacity to find work for people with disabilities. Parents did not believe that adult family members with disabilities between the age of 35 and 55 would go to work, because they were not integrated to society in their childhood.

The main result during the seminar was the agreement that governmental institutions will not be closed but that in the future there will be more support to smaller service providers in Cities. There was also the development of the relationship between the participants and people from the Governmental Unemployment office.

After the Seminar; there was a meeting on 19 November 2013 with the Estonian Minister of Social Affairs. The Minister was positive about the proposal made by service providers to support smaller service providers and DI, because without DI the capacity of work reform would not be able to be successful.

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