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10.00-12.00

Help Desk on support to social services to respond to Covid-19 crisis

The European Commission is mobilizing all means at their disposal to face the challenges brought by COVID-19 outbreak. One of the measures put in place is the Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative (CRII and CRII Plus) which seeks to re-direct unspent EU Structural Funds to national, regional & local communities fighting COVID-19.

The CRII has a fundamental role to play in addressing the impact of the pandemic in social services across the EU. Due to the COVID-19, some social services have been forced to close while many of them have swiftly adapted to ensure care and support within the current circumstances and rules (social distancing, etc.). The CRII foresees the adaptation of the ESIF rules to respond to this situation but there is still a lot of uncertainty on how this rules work and especially how social services can benefit from the new flexibility and the opening of new funding opportunities.

This webinar is bringing together all relevant actors at national and European levels– EC, Managing Authorities, service providers and organisations representing social services users´- to engage in a constructive dialogue and exchange of innovative ideas on how to use the CRII to ensure the continuity and quality of care and support services. Inspired by the Partnership Principle, this activity is meant to be the starting of a stable and fruitful cooperation to jointly plan and design the ESIF funding opportunities addressing both the short and long term challenges of social services across the EU.

AGENDA

Moderator: Luk Zelderloo, EASPD Secretary General

10h00 – 10h05 Welcome by Luk Zelderloo, EASPD Secretary General

10h05 – 10h20 Presentation of the Coronavirus Response Investment Initiatives by Andriana Sukova, Deputy-Director General of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

10h20 – 10h50 Case studies presented by social service providers

10h50 – 11h50 A geographical overview of the challenges faced by social-service providers

11h50 – 12h00 Conclusions and follow up