



# Support for improving professional performance and human resources developments in area of social inclusion services for state and self-governments – I.

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## National project

"Support for improving professional performances and human resources developments in area of social inclusion services for state and self-governments – I." in a nutshell

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#### 1 Goal of the document

The document has been worked out with an aim to inform a wide range of interested people and organisations about an aim, a substantive outline, logistics and main outputs of the national project "Support for improving professional performances and human resources developments in area of social inclusion services for state and self-governments – I." (hereinafter only "the NP").

#### 2 Aim and context of the NP

An aim of the NP is to support preparation of a new system of continual education of professionals operating in area on social inclusion of persons in various types of social needs. It is contextualised mainly by a new national legislation focused on professionalization of social work as a profession operating hand in hand with other helping disciplines, e.g. psychology, pedagogy, all of which being important in social sphere (the Act No. 219/2014 Coll. on social work and conditions to perform some special activities in area of social affairs and family).

The NP has been commissioned by the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and it is conducted by the Institute for Labour and Family Research<sup>1</sup> in period July 2014 – December 2015. The NP is financed from the ESF 2007-2013, concretely from the Operational program Employment and Social Inclusion.

## 3 Operationalisation of the social inclusion area and its actors

Continual (deepening) education is focused on professionals operating in social inclusion area, namely in following subareas:

- Social assistance for people in material needs, field social work
- Social support of families with small children
- Social-legal protection of children and social curatorship
- Social services (in the widest meaning of potential users)
- Social compensatory assistance for people with severe disabilities (including comprehensive system of needs assessment)

Social inclusion professionals as a target group of the future education come out from different organisational sectors, namely from:

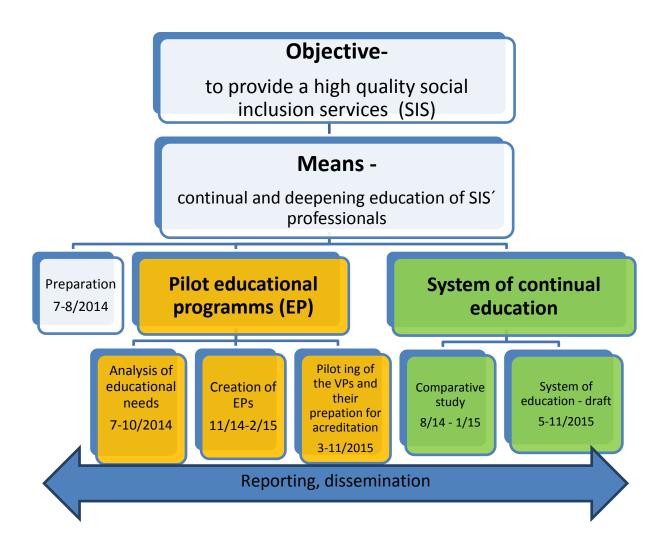
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Institute for Labour and Family Reserach, the state research organisation subordinated to the MoLSAF. More information:

 $<sup>\</sup>underline{http://www.ceit.sk/IVPR/index.php?option=com\_content\&view=article\&id=241\&Itemid=49\&lang=en$ 

- ✓ Specialised state administration (Labour, social affairs and family offices),
- ✓ Regional and local governments,
- ✓ Social inclusion services' providers

## 4 Basic outline and logistic of the NP

Scheme: Outline of the NP and its logistics



Source: author

As the abovementioned scheme indicates the NP's activities are grouped into two sections:

- (1) content based activities (preparation of the educational programs)
- (2) system based activities (preparation a draft on a resort system of continual education for the SI professionals)

## 5 Main outputs of the NP

#### **5.1 Main content based outputs**

- Document "Analysis of educational needs in different areas of social inclusion services" (sub-activity 1.2.1)
  - (<a href="http://www.ceit.sk/IVPR/images/IVPR/NP/podpora zvysovania profesionality/analyza vzdelavacich potrieb.pdf">http://www.ceit.sk/IVPR/images/IVPR/NP/podpora zvysovania profesionality/analyza vzdelavacich potrieb.pdf</a>)
- 10 educational programs being prepared for accreditation (sub-activities 1.2.2, 1.2.3) (titles see in the table; full texts:
  - http://www.ceit.sk/IVPR/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=415&Ite\_mid=49&lang=sk)

Table: Educational programs - titles

Compensatory assistance (for persons with severe disabilities)

Communication with clients with different types of disabilities

Individualised and community based social services

New trends in social services (general overview)

Social curatorship

Special methods of work in crisis situations

Specificities of care for clients in facilities of social-legal protection and social curatorship

Psychological counselling for children, parents and other adult persons

Decision making activities in area of social benefit schemes (state social support schemes, schemes for assistance in material needs, schemes for substitute alimony)

Effective field social work

### 5.2 Main system based outputs

- Document "Comparative study on systems of resort education in Slovakia and in selected EU countries" (sub-activity 1.3.1)
  - http://www.ceit.sk/IVPR/images/IVPR/NP/podpora zvysovania profesionality/np pr o profi sprava komparativna studia.pdf
- Document "Draft on the system of resort education in area of social inclusion support" (sub-activity 1.3.2)
  - http://www.ceit.sk/IVPR/images/IVPR/NP/podpora zvysovania profesionality/mode ly systemu rezortneho vzdelavania.pdf

## 6 Specificities of the NP

- Implementation of the principle on a shared responsibilities
  In all stages of the NP a very close cooperation among (1) the ministry NP commissionaire, (2) the Institute for Labour and Family research NP implementer, and (3) wide range of professionals from various interested organisations and stakeholders potential NP users (around 250 experts and NP related persons and organisations involved into the NP procedures). To ensure the sub-activity 1.3.2 a public procurement was organised. The winner organisation was the Economy University in Bratislava.
- Implementation of the principle "about us with us" (piloting of the educational program drafts with representatives of future users of the continual /deepening education)
- A wide *information and dissemination strategy* (all documents, important steps, interesting products are placed at the web-side of the NP; press releases; dissemination public meetings)

#### **Conclusions**

Complete the NP's **documentation** is available at the NP web side:

http://www.ceit.sk/IVPR/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=302&Itemid=49 &lang=sk

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