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PESSIS Project Recommendations

For the EU level:

- The European institutions should create dialogue structures with social service employers, to enable them to contribute to the policy making process.
- The wide range of common problems facing all national social services sectors should be addressed through the development of social dialogue at a European level.
- The European Commission (EC) should support the development of social dialogue instruments for the social services sector at EU level.
- The EC should promote further follow-up research to understand how social dialogue is organised across Europe and to identify good practices.
- New opportunities to promote reflection and the building of networks to identify employer responsibilities should be facilitated across Europe.
- Employers and employees must recognise the role of actors at EU level in supporting social dialogue in the social services sector.
- Cooperate with the coming EU Presidencies to promote PESSIS project conclusions and recommendations.
- Social sector employers should be recognised as social dialogue partners.

For the national level:

- Support the creation of a new social dialogue pilot project to bring together social partners to create an effective dialogue between employers and employees in the social services sector.
- Commission research to explore how social service delivery could be restructured at local, regional and national level.
- The EC and the Member States need to empower local actors representing employers and employees active in the social field.

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Final Report and Leaflet published



The PESSIS project is coming to an end. During the past nine months the objective of gaining a deeper understanding on social dialogue in the social services sector in Europe has been achieved: 11 national reports were produced, mapping social dialogue in Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Slovenia, Spain, The Netherlands and the UK.

The results of this mapping exercise, together with recommendations for the European and National levels, were compiled in a Summary Report presented at the Final Conference held in Brussels the 22 of June.

"The social services sector is a rapidly growing sector in terms of employment and value, as measured in both social and economic terms. This needs to be more widely recognised at national and European levels. More research is needed to present the detailed social and economic value of the sector by country." These are parts of the conclusions

presented in the Final European Report published in September.

The main results of the project are accessible also through a leaflet, summarising in brief the recommendations, the key findings of the project as well as the results of the final conference.

Five hundred copies of the leaflet have been printed and are ready for dissemination. We want to encourage all partners to share the leaflet with external stakeholders to contribute to the sustainability of the PESSIS project and to foster further debate on the social services sector and social dialogue. The PESSIS leaflet, as well as other relevant reports and documents, can also be downloaded on the website at www.socialserviceseurope.eu/peppis



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