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# OBJECTIVES



1. To deepen the knowledge on social dialogue in the social and health sector in Europe by extending the research area to 6 additional countries in Central, Eastern, Southern Europe and Scandinavia;
2. To build capacity on the employers' side of the social and health sector in selected countries and to test their will in joining European Social Dialogue
3. To understand the best ways in which to build social dialogue structures at European level

# PARTNERS



**Project coordinator:** European Association of Services Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD)

## Co-applicants

### EUROPEAN SOCIAL SERVICES ORGANISATIONS:

- Caritas Europa,
- EPR,
- SOLIDAR

### EUROPEAN TRADE UNION ORGANISATION:

- European Federation of Public Service Unions

### EUROPEAN RESEARCH COORDINATORS:

- Public Services International Research Unit

### NATIONAL PARTNERS:

- Union d'Entreprises à Profit Social (UNIPSO)
- Fédération nationale des associations gestionnaires au service des personnes handicapées (FEGAPEI)



## **Affiliated entities**

- Arbeiterwohlfahrt Bundesverband e.V. (AWO), Volkshilfe Österreich - SOLIDAR's members;
- Vereniging Gehandicaptenzorg Nederland (VGN) - EASPD member.

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# ACTIONS



## The project will be built on the following 5 specific actions:

1. *Extending the research on social dialogue in the social and health sector to Eastern, Central, South and Scandinavian countries*
2. *Establishing capacity-building with stakeholders in 5 selected countries and discussion on possibilities for European Social Dialogue*
  - 2.1 Focus group on social dialogue at national level: SWOT analysis and capacity building
  - 2.2 Roundtable towards European Social Dialogue
3. *Organising a European discussion on the way towards European Sectoral Social Dialogue in the social services sector*
4. *Dissemination*
5. *Management*





# MAIN OUTCOMES

## GENERAL:

- **Exchange** of information and experiences between employers in the sector both at national and European level
- Enhanced **cooperation** within the sector and promotion of a culture of inclusive social dialogue at National and European level
- A Final Conference in September 2014 to present research results, exchange ideas and gather feedback from an audience of key stakeholders;
- 3 project meetings

## EXTENDED MAPPING EXERCISE:

- **6 national research reports** on social dialogue in the social services sector in are Italy, Bulgaria, Poland, Czech Republic, Sweden and Lithuania
- An updated **Final European report**

# MAIN OUTCOMES

## NATIONAL LEVEL:

- 5 *focus groups* in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany and The Netherlands
- 5 **national conclusions** of the SWOT analysis and set of proposal for a strengthened social dialogue at national level;
- 5 *roundtables towards European Social Dialogue*
- 5 **national roadmaps towards European social dialogue**

## EU LEVEL:

- 4 **meetings** on EU social dialogue for the social services sector
- A **seminar** on the conclusions of the 4 meetings
- The set-up of an agreed **strategy** towards the setting up of European social dialogue structures for the social services sector

## DISSEMINATION:

- broad communication of the project achievements through the project website, the publication of national reports, project leaflet, and newsletters;

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