



Joint EPSU – FESE Position Paper on Digitalisation in the Social Services Sector

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Methodology used The main elements Future work





How did we get there?

- EPSU and Social Employers agreed on a selected number of topics and joint priorities
- Digitalization as one of the main driver of change in social care professions
- **PESSIS+ Technical seminar**: Exchange of best practices and ideas:
 - AI, robotisation, digitalisation and platforms: What implications for social services and social partners
 Promising Practices Social Employers and Unions
- Discussion with other stakeholders and institutions (EUROFOUND, EC, other sectors)





Some elements of the joint position

- A shared **definition** of what technological change in social care is and implies
- The Effects of Digitalisation on the Social Services Sector and Employment
 - Workforce organization
 - Use of data by professionals
 - Core skills and qualification needed to enable social care workers to provide high quality care
 - Promoting independence, quality of life and wellbeing
 - Founding and Uneven and unequal spread of new technologies
- The role of collective bargaining and social dialogue
 - Regulate the introduction of new technologies on the social services sector
 - Constant monitoring of the impact, anticipation of change and mitigation of possible adverse impacts
 - Maintaining and expanding information, consultation and participation rights also for crowd-workers and other atypical workers





We will keep working together...

- Identifying recommendations for policy makers and clarifying concrete projects and topics where social partners commit to engage in the next few years.
- Developing guidelines and elaboration of a collection of promising practices
- Hosting the launch of the EUROFOUND report on digitalization of social services in early 2020
- Continuing our cooperation with EC (DG CNT and DG EMPL) for the Commission's future work programme and with the European Parliament





Examples? Comments? Questions?

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