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of Social Authorities



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The Generalitat Valenciana, the Polibienestar of Valencia and three leading networks of European authorities working in social care, ENSA European Network for Social Authorities, ELISAN European Local Inclusion and Social Action Network, and the Youth Care Platform have the pleasure to invite you to the event: “Social and Health Challenges: the Answers of Community Care” that will take place in Valencia the 6th and the 7th of June 2017.

The proportion of people living at risk of poverty or social exclusion (23.7% in 2015) has been decreasing. Overall, in 2015, about 119 million people were at risk of poverty or social exclusion. Unfortunately the risks to social cohesion remain quite significant and continuous action is needed. Some groups are specifically affected: elderly, youth, vulnerable youth, people with disabilities, children, low-skilled, migrants, low income households, inactive citizens. Since the announcement of the European Pillar of Social Rights by President **Juncker**, there has been a wide debate on the content and role of the Pillar and how to ensure fairness and social justice in Europe. Triggered by the questions of Commissioner **Thyssen**: “How can we make the European social model future-proof? What kind of Union our citizens want to have?” ENSA, ELISAN and the Youth Care Platform, offer to work on **Community Capacity Building**.

The Community Care approach considers a group of programs that have been established as a support system for older people, people with disability & the carers of both groups to allow people to remain in the community & live in their own homes and take an active role in society. In addition we choose to address the community responsibility and answers in the field of marginalized youth and children, stressing the importance of family policies which are fundamental for the social economic and cultural growth.

A multitude of good examples are being developed on practices and EU projects that are put into place by local communities to support the welfare system, to strengthen social cohesion and inclusion for all. This event will escalate effective and efficient models bringing tangible results for citizens and society. Furthermore, the exchanges will include how to foster the conditions for strengthening communities to address local needs in social and health services.



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The program will take the format of a plenary followed by working group sessions in the field of elderly, disability, child, youth and family, social inclusion, a brokerage event and study visits. In addition interested stakeholders will have the opportunity to join the “European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing In the 2030 Agenda.

Looking forward to the opportunity of working with you on common projects.
With very best regards

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