



# International Federation of Social Workers European Region

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**Project proposal:**

## **A social Europe is possible!**

**The young generation of social workers are the spearhead of change**

**Concept note:**

Our societies are changing and new challenges are emerging that require new or update answers of social workers to set the proper measures and services that are in line with active inclusive approaches.

The word is changing and the access to social protection – a key dimension for quality employment and social participation is not accessible for all people in Europe. The European Parliament, European Commission and Council of Europe (INGO) are the relevant European institution to work with in order to peruse the inclusiveness and sustainability of social protection. IFSW Europe have to ensure that we support social workers actions at the national level with a strong engagement with the European institutions.

It is our responsibility to prepare our young generation of social workers to become those who will have the vision and will transform this Social Pillar into a reality for the people and push forward reforms and policy measures at national level. It is now vital that IFSW Europe ensure that our young generation of social workers are ready to get engaged and become our spearhead of change.

The overall aim of the project proposal is to support IFSW Europe members organisation in activating and engaging the young generation of social workers to continue to build on and strengthen our communities and our countries.

We need to ensure that we will activate the young generation of social workers to develop qualitative social services as an essential foundation for sustainable social and economic development of their communities and countries.

**Duration:**

The proposed project has two years duration and will engage all countries in Europe.

### **Target group of the project:**

IFSW members organisation and their members. The focus will be the new generation of social workers.

### **Objectives, activities, expected results**

#### **1. Organise a flagship seminar on involvement of social workers in building social Europe**

We will organise a flagship seminar closed to our Delegates meeting in Birmingham. IFSW Europe members will be invited to nominate young social workers that are active or not yet in their organisation to take part of the event.

Minimum 15 countries will be able to participate to this seminar. IFSW Global will be invited to add the IFSW vision and values to the concept of the seminar.

Along with the topics of social rights and European Social Pillar, topics related to IFSW will be added.

Who is taking part in the activity?

- IFSW Europe members will be invited to the nominate young social workers;
- An IFSW Global representative;
- IFSW Europe representatives to European Social Platform;
- Guests (to be decided);

Planned activities:

- a. Identify the countries to be involved in this activity and the young social workers that will take part;
- b. Prepare the agenda for the open discussions and the key messages to be sent;
- c. Make the necessary organisational arrangements with BASW;
- d. Create the press release and send the invitation;
- e. Prepare the travel arrangements;
- f. Prepare and publish the report;

#### **2. Organise a hearing in the European Parliament**

Who is taking part in the activity?

- IFSW Europe members will be invited to the nominate young social workers;
- An IFSW Global representative;
- IFSW Europe representatives to European Social Platform;
- Guests (to be decided);
- Members of the European Parliament and their staff;

Planned activities:

- a. Identify the MEPs and prepare the event;
- b. Identify the countries to be involved in this activity and the young social workers that will take part;
- c. Prepare the agenda for the open discussions and the key messages to be sent;
- d. Create the press release and send the invitation;
- e. Prepare the travel arrangements;
- f. Prepare and publish the report;

### **3. Organise a brunch with the staff of the Members of the European Parliament**

This objective is based on our cooperation with European Social Platform and their invitation to use their space for the brunch with the staff of the MEPs.

IFSW Europe members will be invited to the nominate young social workers to take part in this activity. An IFSW Global representative and IFSW Europe representatives to European Social Platform will be invited to participate to this event.

Planned activities:

- g. Identify the countries to be involved in this activity and the young social workers that will take part;
- h. Prepare the agenda for the open discussions and the key messages to be sent;
- i. Harmonise the arrangements with European Social Platform;
- j. Create the press release and send the invitation;
- k. Prepare the travel arrangements;
- l. Prepare and publish the report;

**Total value of the project:**

10.000 CHF

The persona responsible for the project:

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