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Access to Employment Network meeting

Building stronger paths towards sustainable employment for all

6th and 7th November 2018

hosted by Stockholm City Mission

Venue: Grillska Hall, Stortorget 3, 111 29 Stockholm (Sweden)

Dear members,

Eurodiaconia is pleased to invite you to the first meeting of its new Access to Employment network meeting. The meeting will be held in Stockholm on the 6th and 7th of November 2018, hosted by the Stockholm City Mission at its facilities in Grillska Hall, Stortorget 3, 111 29 Stockholm (Sweden).

The effects of unemployment are different across population groups and some people are challenged with additional difficulties regardless of the health of the economy. Young people, people with disabilities, migrants and the long-term unemployed are usually faced with greater difficulties to find work. In some cases, the job prospects of such groups are further impaired by additional challenges in the form of disadvantaged home backgrounds, health or addiction issues. Stressing the existence of such users' profiles is very relevant to emphasise the need to link work and social inclusion efforts and promote more inclusive employment policies.

The newly created thematic network on Access to Employment aims to establish a permanent channel of communication with and between Eurodiaconia members and step up our role as a key civil society organization on employment issues. It should provide a forum for members to share experiences and good practice, identify common challenges they face as well as discuss potential solutions and opportunities for policy development.

This year, the network will look at key angles of work and social inclusion, including the role of social enterprises as spaces for work inclusion, partnerships with employers to enable increased integration of 'low employability' groups through adapted work settings. Special focus will be placed on strategies towards the labour market integration of third-country nationals.

Who can participate?

The meeting is open to all those working in Diaconia who are part of a network or organization that is a member of Eurodiaconia. People who are likely to find it most interesting would be those working with unemployed people or who run services linked to access to employment.

Financial information:

Limited financial support is available for this event, with priority given to participants coming from either Central or Eastern Europe or from minority church diaconal organizations. Applications for financial support should be made when registering for the meeting. However, no tickets or other reservations should be

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booked until the staff member responsible for the event has confirmed if financial support will be given. As regards accommodation, the Secretariat will deal with your request for rooms. Therefore, you are kindly asked not to book any hotel on your behalf.

Please register on our online form [here](#) by **19 October 2018** at the latest.

For further information or for any questions please contact Alexander Elu (alexander.elu@eurodiaconia.org) or Célimène Bernard at (celimene.bernard@eurodiaconia.org).

Draft agenda

Tuesday, 6th November 2018

9.30-10.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and devotion• Introduction to Eurodiaconia and presentation of agenda• Introductions from participants
10.00-11.15	<p>(Long-term) Unemployment: old and new profiles, policy frameworks and challenges for diaconal providers of services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Council Recommendation for the integration of LTU in the labour market: a prescription for an integrated, person-centred approach to work inclusion efforts• Are work inclusion services fit for purpose? New skill demands and changing labour markets• Can services do this alone? Challenging ongoing dynamics in labour markets: declining quality of jobs, new forms of work, in-work poverty, restricted access to social protection.
11.15-11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30-12.45	<p>Working in partnership with employment services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the role of diaconal actors in such partnerships? Outreach/community-based approach• On which profiles do they have a 'competitive advantage'?• How are services priced? Result orientation, financial incentives, etc.
12.45-13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.40-15.10	<p>Study visit (1)</p> <p>Presentation of Matcentralen, a project for food distribution and consumption. Walking tour of Matmissionen, a social supermarket</p>
15.10-15.50	Transportation to the 2 nd study visit

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15.50-17.00	Study visit (2) Presentation av verksamheten Produktion och isnamling/Second hand
19.00	<i>Dinner offered by Eurodiaconia</i>

Wednesday, 7th November 2018

09.00-10.00	Ensuring safer transition into jobs: the key role of accompaniment to guarantee sustainable placements
10.00-11.30	Working together with employers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can employers be persuaded of the benefits of a diverse workforce? • What are the instruments available? Financial incentives, job carving, etc.
11.30-11.45	Coffee break
11.45-13.15	A spotlight on migrants: strategies and available tools to enable the integration of migrants into employment and society
13.15-14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.00-15.00	Policy Workshop <i>Over the last years, Eurodiaconia has developed significantly work around employment, in line with the massive social impact of the last job crisis. The effects of unemployment are different across population groups and some people are challenged with additional difficulties regardless of the health of the economy. Stressing the existence of such users' profiles is very relevant to emphasize the need to link work and social inclusion efforts, also in light of present challenges of labour markets in Europe.</i> <i>In 2018, Eurodiaconia is building a policy position help cement its role as a key civil society organization on employment issues, in particular vis a vis EU institutions, which often stress inclusive growth or job creation issues over social ones. The network meeting should represent an occasion to feed into the paper and guide the future steps of Eurodiaconia's policy and advocacy agenda.</i>
15.00-15.15	Conclusions and way ahead
15.15	<i>End of meeting</i>