

INVITATION

Regional Training on the European Semester and the European Pillar of Social Rights

Spain, France, Italy, Germany, The Netherlands

3rd – 4th December 2018

Madrid, Spain

Hosted by Diaconia Spain

[Please register HERE](#)

Dear colleagues,

Eurodiaconia cordially invites you to its second regional training on the European Semester and the European Pillar of Social Rights, which will take place on **3-4 December 2018 in Madrid, Spain** and be hosted by our member Diaconia Spain.

The training aims at helping members to gain a better understanding of the European Semester and the European Pillar of Social Rights as policy tools. Through interactive sessions, participants will learn how they can use the two policy tools in their national advocacy, as well as how to best take part in EU level advocacy with Eurodiaconia.

Who can participate?

The training is open to all Eurodiaconia member organisations interested in developing their capacity of using the European Semester and European Pillar of Social Rights in their advocacy work. As this is a regional training, priority will be given to applicants from Spain, France, Italy, Germany and the Netherlands.

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 Diaconia. Applications for financial support should be made when registering for the meeting. However, no tickets or other reservations should be booked until the staff member responsible for the event has confirmed if financial support will be given.

For further information please contact our Policy Officers Laure Drege, laure.drege@eurodiaconia.org or Anne-Sophie Wislocki, anne-sophie.wislocki@eurodiaconia.org.

Regional Training on the European Semester and European Pillar of Social Rights

DRAFT AGENDA

Diaconia Spain

Madrid, Spain

Day 1

3 December 2018

13.00 – 14.00	Welcome lunch	
14.00 – 15.00	Introduction Devotion Ice breaker and Round of Presentation	
15.00 – 16.15	Presentation and Activity What is the European Semester and how does it relate to our work?	Please be prepared to link the work of your organisation with the policies covered in the European Semester ¹ .
16.15 – 16.30	Coffee break	
16.30 – 17.30	Group Work and exchange of best practices Advocating in the European Semester at national level: members' experience and related challenges	Please be prepared to discuss your experience in advocacy and policy-making in your country and the challenges associated with getting involved in the Semester at national level.
17.30 – 18.00	Activity Approaching European Semester documents: the Country Reports, how to assess them and produce the best input	Please have a first look at your country's latest report on the Commission website .
19.00	Dinner	

¹ Childcare, healthcare, long-term care, poverty reduction, social inclusion, education, skills and life-long learning, employment protection legislation and framework for labour contracts, unemployment benefits, active labour market policies, incentives to work, job creation, labour market participation, wages and wage setting.

Day 2

4 December 2018

9.00 - 9.45	<p>Presentation and Activity</p> <p>What is the European Pillar of Social Rights and how does it relate to your work?</p>	Please be prepared to link the work of your organization with the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights.
9.45 – 10.15	<p>Presentation</p> <p>How does Eurodiaconia work with the European Pillar of Social Rights?</p>	
10.15 – 10.30	<p>Coffee Break</p>	
10.30 – 11.30	<p>Group Work</p> <p>How can you use the European Pillar of Social Rights in your advocacy work?</p>	Please be prepared to discuss how to do advocacy.
11.30 – 12.15	<p>Activity</p> <p>What's next? Using the Eurodiaconia Tracking Tool</p>	Please be ready to talk about the social situation and social policies in your country.
12.15 – 13.00	<p>Evaluation and Closing</p>	