



## **FEAD Community First Annual Conference**

La Tricoterie, 158 rue Théodore Verhaegen, Brussels

10 March 2020 (9:00-17:00)

The European Commission Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion cordially invites you to the FEAD Community Annual Conference that will take place at La Tricoterie in Brussels on 10 March 2020.

### **What is the conference about?**

The conference is the first mutual learning event of a cycle of capacity-building seminars aimed at improving the FEAD delivery at national, regional and local level. The conference will provide an opportunity to take stock of FEAD's achievements to date and discuss future challenges to be addressed. It will provide a space for participants to share experiences from the ground and to shape the upcoming capacity-building seminars aiming at exploring promising practices and innovative solutions to common issues.

The conference will balance panel discussions with interactive workshops, providing opportunities for maximising communication between participants. It will focus on:

- Taking stock of achievements of the FEAD Community so far;
- Identifying challenges that still need to be tackled by involved stakeholders;
- Identifying steps to overcome priority challenges during the transition period and in view of the upcoming programming period (ESF+).

### **Who will attend?**

The conference will be open to 150 participants representing local, regional and national stakeholders involved in the implementation of FEAD, including: Managing Authorities, Intermediate Bodies, beneficiaries providing support and their partners (e.g. municipalities), independent experts, civil society organisations and representatives from the European Commission.

### **How do I register?**

In view of ensuring a diverse participation, we kindly request you not to register more than two participants per organisation. Registration for this conference is mandatory, and places will be subject to availability and confirmation by the European Commission.

Please **register at your earliest convenience and no later than 7 February 2020** for the event via this link: <https://eu.eventscloud.com/200199231>



This would greatly assist us when booking your travel and accommodation, as well as dealing with any accessibility or dietary requirements. Once you have registered, we will contact you to confirm your registration and we will make the necessary travel and accommodation arrangements. Please do not make any travel and accommodation arrangements on your own.

During the registration process, you will be asked to respond to the following question:

- How the FEAD Community could be more relevant to you?
- What topics related to FEAD you would like to discuss at upcoming FEAD community events?
- What FEAD funded promising practices or measures would you like to share with other participants?

The questions are not mandatory; however, the answers will help us to better tailor the event to your needs. Do not hesitate to consult with your colleagues before you register.

Please note that the event will be held in **English**. The venue is accessible. The dress code for the event is business casual.

Please note that by registering, you **commit to participating in the event**. If for any reason you are unable to attend, we would kindly ask you to **identify a suitable replacement**. Depending on the timing of the cancellation and whether your travel has already been arranged, **we may not be able to fully cover the travel and accommodation expenses of the nominated replacement**.