

Outside session 1: Ellacuria Foundation & Lantegi Batuak Getxo Local alliances for greater inclusion in the labour market

Date & Time

Tuesday, 12 June, 9:00 – 13:30

Location

Ellacuria Foundation & Lantegi Batuak Getxo

Description

Please note that for this session pre-registration required – limited to 50 participants maximum, transportation to and from locations is included.

The Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth sets targets to lift at least 20 million people out of poverty and social exclusion and to increase employment of the population aged 20-64 to 75%. But the financial crisis has pushed unemployment, poverty and social exclusion levels to record highs. Many cities have also been subject to budgetary cuts, pressuring them to respond to escalating needs with fewer resources.

In addition, the European Commission launched in 2013 the ‘Social Investment Package’ (SIP), which outlines how social spending can be made more efficient and effective in order to enhance people’s capacity to participate in society and the labour market.

City governments need to be involved in the development and implementation of national and EU social policies. The local alliances presented during this session demonstrate that, as the level of governance closest to people, city governments are exposed to social challenges and have substantial experience in shaping effective responses by creating strong partnership with local stakeholders. We will also discuss to what extent municipalities are already carrying out some of the SIP’s recommendations, delivering innovative and integrated programmes in accordance to the principles of active inclusion.

Format

1. Departure from Euskalduna conference centre to Ellacuria Foundation (Arrupe Etxea) – travel time 15 minutes by coach.
2. Presentations, followed by discussion and exchange of experiences from across Europe that involve collaboration between municipalities and regions and civil society organisations.
3. Transfer by coach from Ellacuria Foundation to Lantegi Batuak Getxo (25 minutes)
4. Presentation by representative of Lantegi Batuak Getxo, followed by on-site visit.
5. Return to Euskalduna conference centre by coach for lunch

Languages foreseen

English, Spanish

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About Ellacuria Foundation

The Ellacuria Foundation project is aimed at all groups, associations, communities, educators, social agents and people interested in having tools and materials for information and socio-political training. In particular, the project supports groups and associations of migrants seeking to strengthen their resilience and ability to contribute to the cultural and social diversity of the new immigration society which we are all already part of.

About Lantegi Batuak

Lantegi Batuak is a non-profit organisation that generates job opportunities adapted to people with disabilities, especially those with intellectual disabilities from Bizkaia, with the aim of achieving their maximum development and quality of life. It is the biggest business initiative in the field of protected employment in Bizkaia. Currently, it generates job opportunities for more than 2,500 people with intellectual, physical, sensorial and mental disabilities.

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