

IO7

“Guidelines for the European implementation of the further education concept for peer support worker specialists”

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Guidelines for the European implementation of the further education concept for peer support workers is being developed under the coordination of the project partner *Society of Social Psychiatry P.Sakellaropoulos*.

IO7 was assigned to the Greek partner in the very beginning. It was soon realized, though, that more operational partners were needed, in order to achieve an integrated result that would depict the European dimension.

This could only be implemented with significant contribution coming from all partners, who contribute with their experience at national level.

The idea is that the European concept will derive from synthetic work: national knowledge and experience are the base.

Therefore, part of the work that should be prepared for the next product (IO8 - Guidelines for the national implementation of the further education concept for peer support workers) had to be gathered “earlier” to serve the needs of this project. (Or the numbering should have been reverse!)



The structure of IO7 is as follows:

- General Introduction about Peer Support Workers
- EQF (Levels-Outcomes)
- Implementation of the EU concept of the further education of PSW at Level 4 and 5 of the EQF

The implementation of Levels 4 and 5 is accompanied by a good practice from the participating partners, especially from countries where the role seems to be more established and advanced.

Countries that are still working on the full professional establishment of the role are going to contribute with a description of current or planned efforts towards this direction.



What has been done:

In May-June 2021, partners agreed and concluded in the specific methodology provided for this product. Working steps were specified and assignments followed.

The first deadline was set at the end of August 2021.

A formal extension for the program has been approved by the Erasmus Agency, so deadlines have been slightly modified.


Where we are:

- ✓ Introduction and presentation/explanation of the EQF are in progress.
- ✓ We are working on the design for the European implantation of the curricula on level 4 and 5.
Many “building blocks” are still missing though...

Where we are:

- ✓ The Dutch contribution for the design of the structure for the European implementation has been received, assessed and finalized.
- ✓ The Norwegian, Greek and Polish contribution have also been received. Feedback concerning the main focus areas was sent back to the working groups with a request for input.
- ✓ That extra information is very much needed to design a European framework within which the various countries can further develop their own steps towards realization and provision of the curricula.
- ✓ The German team have their contribution in progress.

... and the puzzle is slowly being completed with the goal - we hope not unrealistic - to be completed by the end of October 2021



Thank you for your attention