Innovation and Employment in Social Services: new opportunities for growth?

The Czech Republic, just like many other European countries, is facing the challenge of modernising its welfare system by developing social services and creating jobs, still subject to the constraints of the economic crisis and fiscal consolidation.

This NEUJOBS national event represents an opportunity for European scholars and national (and European) stakeholders to discuss the development of social services as a key issue in current labour market and social policy dynamics. Leading scholars from NEUJOBS (FP7 Project) will shed light on the present and future challenges relating to social services in Europe. The main focus is on the case of the Czech Republic.

The meeting will be centred on the link between financing, governance (regulation of social services and their delivery) and employment in social services. The forms taken by public-private mixes in social services, as well as factors which influence their development and job creation, will be treated in a comparative perspective. The workshop will consist of two sessions: the morning session will provide information on the most recent research findings provided by NEUJOBS; in the afternoon EU and Czech stakeholders (social partners, analysts and policymakers) will interact to put into context the development of Czech social services and employment in social services amidst the broad European trends. The aim is to devise strategies for financing, regulating and delivering social services more effectively.

This conference is organised by the Masaryk University (Faculty of Social Studies) and the European Social Observatory (OSE), in cooperation with the Czech Research Institute for Labour and Social Affairs (RILSA).

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On line registration: http://www.ose.be/workshop270513/ - The number of seats is limited, if you are interested in participating, please register as soon as possible. Transport and accommodation costs are not covered by the organisers.
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