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para la Cooperación e Inclusión Social
de Personas con Discapacidad

 **Fundación
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> Venue and dates of the event

Madrid, 22nd – 23rd February 2010.

Círculo de Bellas Artes, Salón de Columnas. C/ Alcalá, 42. 28014 Madrid

> Reason for the event and main guidelines

NGOs of the Third sector of social action contribute strongly to improve the access to rights as well as access to employment, of groups at risk of exclusion.

The effort towards the labour market insertion in an active inclusion context through the community financial instruments such as the European Social Fund, provides good practices and also entitles the Third Sector to propose measures on social and employment policies.

This conference will contribute to the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion in 2010.

It will help to highlight the activity of the Third Sector of Social Action in promoting employment of people with fewer possibilities, creating synergies with public policies, at national, regional and local levels, in particular the fight against discrimination and the promotion of equal opportunities and social inclusion.

Best practice will be introduced, proposals to the employment policies will be suggested and a debate in regard to the new programming period of the structural funds will be open as an outstanding instrument, adding value to active inclusion policies.

Finally, this conference will allow to share good practice at European level in order to provide with likely coordinated actions.

> Goals of the Conference

This conference is held in order to:

1. Encourage the discussion, the dialogue and the sharing of good practice related to the social and labour insertion under the Spanish Presidency.
2. Create a forum composed by administrators and managers of equal opportunities initiatives co-funded by ESF, presenting the management of the Operational Programme of Fight Against Discrimination by private bodies of Social Action, as a unique experience in the EU in the last programming period 2000-2006 as well as in the current period 2007-2013.
3. Disseminate the role played by the Third Sector of Social Action and its contribution to the employment and active inclusion policies. From the point of view of people and

entities of social action, and also from the ability to make proposals and to have political impact.

4. Sensitize the Spanish (national and regional) and European authorities about the need of medium and long term sustainability of this kind of initiative. In this sense the OP co-funded by FSE is a reference and a model to be followed in the next programming period of the Structural Funds.
5. Create a networking setting to facilitate the effective carryout of activities included within the 4th Axis of the National Strategic Reference Framework of the Spanish ESF. This Conference should facilitate the transnational and interregional cooperation (art. 3.4 ESF Regulation) through the opportunity to contact potential partners and create partnership networks.
6. Promoting the mainstream approach concerning non discrimination. This should guarantee a proper application of the European legislative regulation highlighting its main and fundamental principles and obtaining an active social support regarding non discrimination and equality.
7. Help to find out the role played or to be played by managers of bodies of social action in the development of institutional OP (at national or regional level)

> Promoters and supported partners

- ▶ European Commission-ESF
- ▶ Spanish Presidency of the EU. Ministry of Labour and Immigration: General Secretariat of Employment of the Spanish Ministry of Labour and Immigration and ESF Managing Authority of Spain. General Secretariat of Social Policy of Ministry of Health and Social Policy.
- ▶ Caritas Spain
- ▶ Spanish Red Cross
- ▶ Fundación Luis Vives
- ▶ Fundación ONCE
- ▶ Fundación Secretariado Gitano

> Participants Profile / target of the event

- ▶ European Commission Representatives
- ▶ Representatives of the Ministry of Labour and Immigration
- ▶ Representatives of the Ministry of Health and Social Policy.
- ▶ Representatives of the Ministry of Equality
- ▶ Employment Authorities of regional governments
- ▶ People in charge of multiregional OP ESF for 2007-2013
- ▶ Other representatives of organizations members of the ESF Monitoring Committee (Economic and social partners, representatives of agencies responsible for equality and Environment).
- ▶ Managers of Operational Programmes co-funded by the ESF in the EU (representatives of major public and private institutions at the state level or regional initiatives that promote equal opportunities in co-financed by the ESF).
- ▶ Representatives of the managing authorities, paying and certification of the EU.
- ▶ Other representatives of civil society working towards the equal opportunities for groups at risk of exclusion from the EU (Platform of European Social NGOs, EDF, EAPN, etc.).
- ▶ Experts and specialists in gender equality, social exclusion and discrimination
- ▶ National and international media.

> Brief description of contents

This would be an event with a high technical and political significance led by the Secretariat General for Employment, ESF managing Authority of Spain and NGOs involved in the management of the ESF and working very closely with disadvantaged groups in access to labour market. The following contents will be developed:

Effects of a number of policies in situations of exclusion and accessibility to employment for people suffering discrimination and social inequality.

Impact of inclusion and employment policies in situations of poverty and exclusion.

The added value of ESF in inclusion and employment policies, particularly in equal opportunities for job placement of disadvantaged groups or at risk of exclusion.

The example of good practice in the Community Funds Management by the Third Sector Entities of Social Action.

It will be developed through lectures, exhibitions and round tables, according to the following schedule.

> DRAFT AGENDA

February, 22nd

9:00 – 10:00

Registration of participants

10:00 – 11:00

OPENING SESSION

- ▶ Commissioner of Labour and Social Affairs and Inclusion of the European Commission. **TBC**
- ▶ Mr Celestino Corbacho, Minister of Labour and Immigration. Spain
- ▶ Mr Juan Manuel Suarez del Toro, President of the Spanish Red Cross
- ▶ Mr Rafael del Rio, President of Caritas Spain
- ▶ Mr Oscar Alzaga, President of Fundación Luis Vives
- ▶ Mr Miguel Carballeda, President of ONCE and its Foundation
- ▶ Mr Pedro Puente, President of the Roma Secretariat Foundation.

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30

LECTURE: Report on the situation in the EU of access to employment of socially disadvantaged groups

Speaker: Expert / European Commission. **TBC.**

12.30 – 13.30

ROUNDTABLE: European Policies / instruments for the access to employment and social inclusion of socially disadvantaged groups

Chair and speaker: The role of the ESF in the access to employment of socially disadvantaged groups. Director General of the ESF. Robert Verrue. **TBC.**

Speakers:

- Examples of good practices on social inclusion. Martin Hirsch. High Commissioner for Active Solidarities against poverty and for Young people. France. **TBC**
- Examples of combating unemployment and inactivity. Representative of the Ministry of Labour of Slovakia
- British model of integration of groups at risk of exclusion. Eamonn Davern. Head Jobcentre Plus International Relations. Ministry of Labour. United Kingdom.

13:30: 15:00

Lunch

15:00 - 17:00

ROUNDTABLE: The ESF in Spain. EU added value of the Program to Combat Discrimination managed by private operators for Social Action.

Chair and speaker: Carlos Tortuero, General Director of the ESF Managing Authority. Spain.

Speakers:

- Toni Bruel, General Coordinator. Spanish Red Cross
- Sebastian Mora, General Secretary. Caritas Spain
- Miguel Angel Cabra de Luna, Director for Social and International Affairs and Strategic Plans. Fundación ONCE.
- Isidro Rodriguez, General Director. Roma Secretariat Foundation
- Ignacio Velo, Managing Director. Fundación Luis Vives

17.00 – 17.40

LECTURE: Spanish Policies / instruments for the access to employment and social inclusion of socially disadvantaged groups

Chair: Aurelio Fernández. President of the Committee for Social Protection. **TBC**

Speakers:

Maravillas Rojo, General Secretary for Employment, Ministry of Labour and Immigration. Spain.

Francisco Moza. General Secretary for Social Policy and Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Health and Social Policy. Spain.

20:00-22:00

Dinner

February, 23rd

09:30 – 12:00

ROUNDTABLE: EU Strategy 2020 and financial perspectives

9.30 – 10.45

Chair: David García López. Deputy General Director of the ESF Managing Authority. Spain.

Speakers:

Institutional Representatives:

- Esteban Lozano. European Commission. DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion.
- Mr Antonio González González. Adviser to the Economic Policy Department. Economic Bureau of the Spanish Prime Minister.
- Jan Olsson. Counsellor at the European Economic and Social Committee

Chair: Juan Carlos Mato. General Director for Social Policy, Families and Childhood. Ministry of Health and Social Policy, **Spain.**

10.45- 12.00

Speakers:

European representatives of Civil Society:

- Ulrich Cronenberg. European Red Cross.
- Pierre Gyselinck. Representative of the Belgian Disability Forum (Member of the European Disability Forum – EDF).
- Erny Guillén, President of Caritas Europe.
- Sian Jones. Policy Coordinator. European Anti Poverty Network

12:00 – 12:30

Coffee break

12:30- 13:30

Plenary session: Presentation of practical conclusions

13:30- 14:00

Acto de clausura.

- Carlos Carnero. Special for the European Union integration projects Ambassador.
- Francisco Fonseca. Director of the Permanent Representation of the European Commission in Spain.
- Rodolfo Cattani. European Disability Forum.
- Toni Bruel i Carreras. Red Cross Spain.
- Erny Guillén. President of Caritas Europe.

14:00

Spanish wine