

Dear sir/madam:

On the occasion of the EU Spanish Presidency, which started on January 1st 2010, private operators of the Operational Program "Fight against Discrimination" co-funded by the European Social Fund, Spanish Red Cross, Caritas, Fundación Secretariado Gitano, Fundación ONCE and Fundación Luis Vives, will organize a conference entitled "Access to employment for socially disadvantaged groups" to be held in Madrid on 22nd and February 2010. This Conference is also supported by the Ministry of Labour and Immigration, in particular by its General Secretary for Employment and the Administration Unit of the European Social Fund.

Both the European Commission (DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities) and the Spanish Presidency (the attendance of the Minister of Labour and Immigration is confirmed) consider this event of particular interest, due to its subject as well as to the fact that it creates a forum to exchange successful good practices among Governments at European, national, regional and local levels and also with civil society representatives.

Please find enclosed a draft program and registration form. As you can see, many Experts, from NGOs and the Authorities, will contribute to the debate, together with participation from the audience.

In order to have a successful conference, we would appreciate very much your presence because of your wide experience and entailment in the development of active employment and social inclusion policies. We would draw your attention to the fact that the Conference will discuss about the future of the above mentioned policies as part of the new EU policies (strategy 2020 and future cohesion policy beyond 2013).

We shall be very pleased if you could confirm us your attendance to this Conference,

Yours sincerely,



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