



Mental health in Workplace Settings

Policy context and key documents on promotion
social inclusion and preventing social exclusion

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The Policy Context - Active Inclusion

The fight against poverty and social exclusion relies heavily on the integration of people furthest from the labour market.

People at risk of poverty and excluded from the labour market represents an challenge to the objective of social cohesion in the European Union treaty.



The Policy Context



A comprehensive active inclusion strategy is needed to promote the integration of the most disadvantaged people a, including an adequate level of income, a link to the labour market and a better access to services.

This is to ensure that social protection policies effectively contribute to mobilising people who are capable of working while achieving the wider objective of providing a decent living standard to those who are and will remain outside the labour market.



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A public consultation launched in February 2006 shed light on possible further action at EU level, including a strengthened Open Method of Coordination, the establishment of common principles, social dialogue, legislation and the use of financial instruments to help and promote the rights and access to services needed for the integration of excluded people.



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While the EU strategy for growth and jobs is showing good results, Europe needs to do more to realise its full potential and achieve greater social justice and economic cohesion. The new strategy for 'active inclusion', which is taking shape through a second stage wide ranging public consultation, is a key element of the European Social Agenda.



Key documents



- Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Modernising social protection for greater social justice and economic cohesion: taking forward the active inclusion of people furthest from the labour market
- Communication from the Commission concerning a consultation on action at EU level to promote the active inclusion of the people furthest from the labour market Text of the communication [COM/2006/044](#)
- Synthesis report by the Commission Services on the outcomes of the first stage consultation.

Link:

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/spsi/active_inclusion_en.htm#documents



Key documents



- Joint Report on Social Protection and Social Inclusion 2007 Social inclusion, pensions, healthcare and long time care (March 2007).
- A more cohesive society for a stronger Europe - 2007 Information leaflet on the Open Method of coordination
- Europe's demographic future: Facts and figures on challenges and opportunities (October 2007).

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Key documents - Social services of general interest



- The Commission [White Paper on services of general interest](#) (May 2004).
- The Commission [Communication on social services of general interest in the European Union](#) (April 2006).
- The [Communication on services of general interest, including social services of general interest](#) (November 2007).



Best practice/ Studies



Best practice

- [Socio-Community Development - Mobilising all relevant bodies and promoting the participation of people suffering exclusion](#)
- [Best practice: Building the bridge between benefits and work](#)
- [Best practice: A first step towards social and economic integration of the mentally ill](#)

Studies

- [Impact assessment of EU basic requirements on measures to promote the integration of persons excluded from the labour market](#)
- [The European Social Fund](#)

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