

EPR EPSR Day Study Visit

Services for Social Inclusion and Early Intervention for Children

3-4 November 2021

Theotokos Foundation

Theotokou 2, Ilion Attikis, 131 22 Athens, Greece

Background

The European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR, sometimes referred to as the “Social Pillar” or just the “Pillar”) is a key social initiative launched by the European Commission in November 2017 aimed at improving the promotion and protection of social rights of EU residents. It is structured in 20 principles divided in three categories, referring to equal opportunities and access to labour market, fair working conditions and social protection and inclusion. The Pillar does not give the European Union more power or competencies but is designed to be a tool that promotes social rights with joint collaboration and responsibility of the European institutions together with Member States, civil society, social actors and social partners.

The European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan

On the 4th of March 2021, the European Commission launched the Action Plan for the European Pillar of Social Rights. The Action Plan is a window of opportunity aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals to take firm steps in the implementation of the 20 principles included in the Pillar. The Action Plan designates a political willingness to work with a more global perspective and towards meeting the SDGs 2030 Agenda goals. The Action Plan presents three targets to be achieved by 2030: equal opportunities and access to the labour market, fair working conditions, and social protection and inclusion. The targets are accompanied by clear actions and deadlines. Services play a key role in the success of the Pillar. Many of those principles directly relate to the delivery of services, employment, education and rights of persons with disabilities. Affordable, quality, accessible and available services are needed for the rights to become a reality in practice but also, service providers have a protagonist role ensuring these social rights are met for people in the EU.

Early intervention in The European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan

The Action Plan stresses the importance of children’s access to services, such as children’s access to quality education and early childhood education and care (ECEC) that will allow them to reach their fullest potential from an early age, while also supporting their parents to better reconcile work and family life. In particular, the renewed Barcelona targets to be launched in 2022



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must give a new push to the EU Member States to ensure that more children will participate equally in early childhood education and care, and that is fully inclusive also for children with disabilities.

Objectives of the meeting

To showcase the work EPR Members do that links to those principles, to learn from each other's good practices, to discuss the challenges and potential solutions in those fields, including the role of government, funders and the EU, EPR implements for the third year the EPR-EPSR Day.

For more information about the Pillar including descriptions of the different principles, you can consult:

[The Position Paper of Social Services Europe 'The Role of Social Services in the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights' \(2018\)](#)

[The European Pillar of Social Rights and service delivery for persons with disabilities – EPR Analytical paper \(2017\)](#)

[The Action Plan https://op.europa.eu/webpub/empl/european-pillar-of-social-rights/en/](https://op.europa.eu/webpub/empl/european-pillar-of-social-rights/en/)

Agenda

Day 1

3rd of November

(Please be mindful of the local time in Greece)

8:30	Meeting point Reception Hotel Titania
09.00 - 09.30	Welcome to Theotokos Foundation
09.30 - 11.00	Visit Theotokos Departments
11.00 - 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30 - 13.00	Presentation of the Early Intervention's Department Program
13.00 - 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 - 14.45	Update on the European Pillar of Social Rights and Action Plan and what it means for EPR members
14.45 - 16.00	EPR Members programs presentations: Mariaberg, Early Intervention Program by Ulrike Bockmaier Cedar Foundation, Short Breaks respite service; transitions leaving school service, Right 4 U Autism Service and Youth Matters service by Gillian Boyd and Jim Peacock.



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20:00 **Social Dinner** at Ermou 18, Athens 105 63, Greece

Day 2
4th of November

8:30 **Meeting point Reception Hotel Titania**

09.00 - 09.30 **Arrival at Theotokos Foundation and splitting visitors into two groups**

09.30 - 11.00 **Visits:** Group A visits classroom and Group B the individual programs (occupational therapy, speech therapy and other services).

11.00 - 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 - 13.00 **Visits:** Group B visits classroom and Group B individual programs

13.00 - 14.00 *Lunch*

Registrations

To attend the meeting, please register [here](#).

Contacts

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Practicalities:

Athens is the capital and largest city of Greece. The city is one of the world's oldest cities, with more than 3,400 years of history. The Acropolis of Athens is a cultural UNESCO World Heritage Property that was inscribed in 1987 for its cultural value and significance. The Acropolis and its monuments are universal symbols of the classical spirit and civilization and form the greatest architectural and artistic complex left by Greek Antiquity to the world.

A) Travel to Athens

- **Arrive in Athens by Plane**

Athens International Airport 'Eleftherios Venizelos' is the largest international airport in Greece. Once landed, you can reach the city centre by:

Metro: The airport is accessible via Metro's Line 3 (Blue Line): Nikaia - Airport



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Bus: Four bus routes connect directly Athens and Piraeus with the airport. All buses set down passengers at the Departures Level and depart from the Arrivals Level, between Exits 4 and 5.

Taxi: taxi services are available at the designated Taxi waiting area located at Exit 3 of Arrivals Level. The journal will cost you approximately 40-50 euros. Pre-booked taxis are available upon request. *For further information, please contact the Taxi Union Association (SATA) at tel.: +30 210 5239524 or at email syndikatotaxi@gmail.com.*

- **HOW TO GET TO TITANIA HOTEL FROM THE AIRPORT**

The easiest way to arrive at Titania Hotel from the airport is by Metro and Bus. You can make the Metro trip taking the Nikaia – Airport (Line 3) to the Attiki station. From there Theotokos' bus drives visitors to Theotokos.

B) Accommodation

Titania Hotel

Panepistimiou 52, Athina 106 78

[Website](#)

Single Room: 75 euros/per night

Double Room: 85 euros/per night

Triple Room: 100 euros/per night

These prices include breakfast.

For every room there is an extra tax of 3 Euros/night that you have to pay on your arrival to the hotel.

Free WI-FI is also included.



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