

The Latvian Presidency of the EU Council Conference “Deinstitutionalisation Practices and Further Development of Social Care Policy in Europe”

European Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community Based Care (EEG) What, who and why?

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Introducing the EEG

Broad coalition of stakeholders representing people with care or support needs, including:

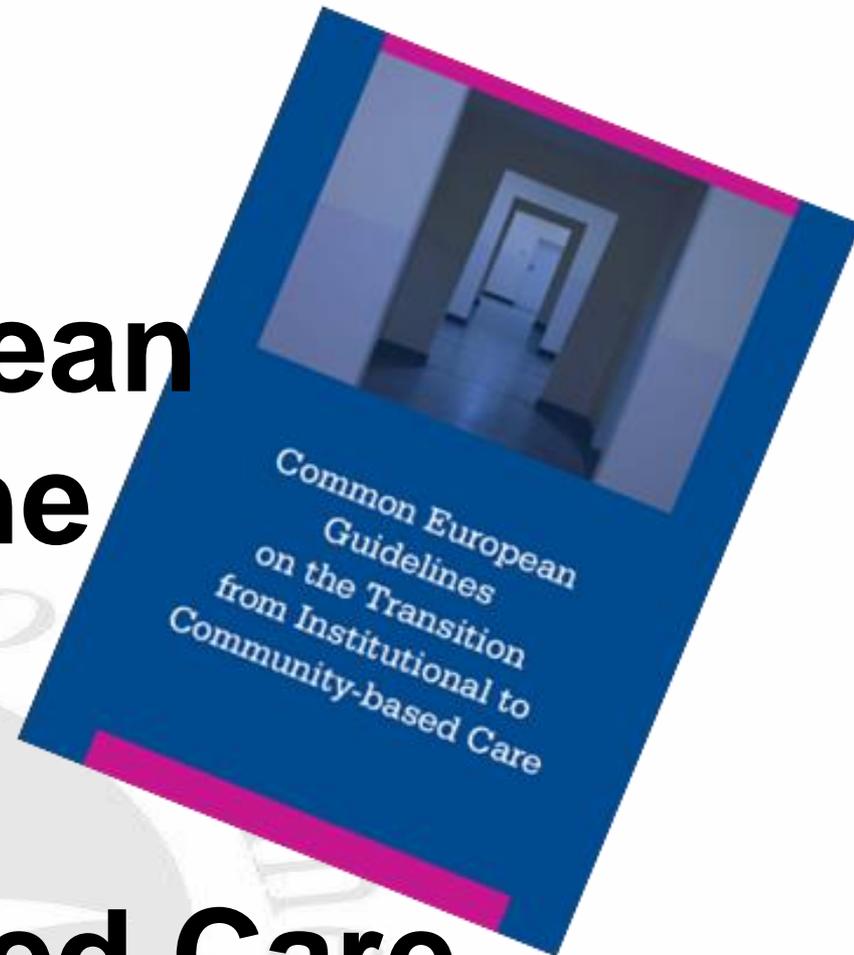
- children
- people with disabilities
- people with mental health problems
- families
- homeless people; as well as:
- non-profit service providers and public authorities
- intergovernmental organisations (UNICEF and OHCHR)

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Guidelines + toolkit in 14 languages

Common European Guidelines on the Transition from Institutional to Community-based Care



Why are the Guidelines needed?

“Though governments increasingly recognise the inevitability of deinstitutionalisation, there is less clarity with regard to the mechanisms that replace institutionalisation and what would constitute a human rights-based response.”

COE Human Rights Commissioner, 2012

Toolkit on the Use of European Union Funds for the Transition from Institutional to Community- based Care



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to Community-based Care

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The purpose of this toolkit

To assist all public authorities in Europe involved in the programming and implementation of EU Structural Funds (and other relevant funds) to make decisions which will help to improve the lives of more than a million European citizens currently living in institutional care;
and to modernise care and support systems by ensuring that respect for human rights and equality are at the heart of reforms. Structural Funds have the potential to support the development of quality family-based and community-based alternatives to institutional care, and to ensure that these services are available to all those who need them.

The EEG work:

- Guidelines + toolkit
- Internal meetings, different task forces and open meetings with EC
- Country events/seminars (ESIF => DI)
- Informal advisory body in relation to institutional care reform
- Training on DI to EU officials
- European events (e.g. EU parliament hearing 10/12/2014)
- Lobby actions on EU level and in the Member States (e.g. our Press Release of today on 2015 CSRs as missed opportunity to promote DI)

If You're
NOT Part of the
Solution You're
Part of the **Problem**.



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Thank you!