

CEFEC RESOLUTION IN TIMES OF CRISIS

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"Acting for Social Economy and Empowering the Community "

the 118 Delegates and Experts from 17 EU Member countries are sending a resolution and request to the European Commission to bring forth an ACTION PLAN for Job inclusion of migrants, refugees, disabled and disadvantaged people into the Job Market in Europe

In recent years we have witnessed the loss of lives of our fellow human beings who seek a way out in Europe from the horrors of war, poverty, hardship and misery. Unfortunately, within the European Union there are countervailing forces that are delaying a comprehensive approach to the migration issue, which has been an issue for centuries. As a result, international law is in some cases violated and humanitarian values are devalued. The consequences of a policy of exclusion are obvious today in people's life and psyche and will continue and be passed on to future generations.

The countries of the south, where Europe's external borders are located, are often burdened with managing migration, meeting the detachment of several countries in the rest of Europe. Many of them refuse to participate in a fair distribution of migrants, erecting walls and preventing a proper European management of migration.

The European Union should commit itself with a specific political and economic framework, first and foremost to strengthen the countries receiving immigrants and, at the same time, developing a plan for the distribution of migrants, according to the existing capacities of each state.

Therefore the "European solidarity" urgently needs to be implemented and put into practice by all European countries.

All the more, in times of crisis and war, communities which are still trying hard to overcome the effects of the pandemic, are under enormous stress to welcome vulnerable groups, such as migrants, war-traumatized families and persons with mental health and other disabilities.

PAN EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY NETWORK

On the local as well as regional level it is necessary to develop a solidarity network of individuals, institutions, organizations, economical agents, social enterprises and media to build up a PAN-EUROPEAN BASIS by actions, announcements, conferences and dynamic mobilizations, to implement a new solidarity mechanism and support to help to access health, education and work services for all people living in the European Union.

EMPOWERING THE COMMUNITY TO REACH JOB INCLUSION

SFE CEFEC and other befriended organizations have built up successful models all over Europe during more than four decades, creating **social firms and social enterprises on the level of local communities** and thus demonstrating and supporting a growing capacity of job inclusion for vulnerable people: disabled, those with mental health and other disease, refugees and migrants, often being traumatized and living in poverty. Recently the growing target group of youngsters, so called NEETs who missed out on schooling, vocational training and work, hopefully is getting special attention. There is a good deal of innovation and creativity and social workers, trainers and coaches help these groups entering the job market.

SFE CEFEC's EXPERTISE OF GREEN ECONOMY SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

In recent years, a growing number of special Social Firms and Social Enterprises have emerged to act as lighthouses and play an important role in achieving climate goals by creating jobs and internships in the green economy sector. The experience gained in this area will be a focal point in the coming years, and the corresponding measures for know-how transfer have started, especially within the target group of the young generation of disabled, disadvantaged, migrants and refugees.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISES CONTRIBUTE TO MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

With these measures in place, being able to offer decent work and sustainable structures, social enterprises can provide a great help to both, the well-being of individuals and the local economy and social welfare of a community. Also the early inclusion of individuals in first employment relationships and internships foster a sense of relief and belonging to society.

Therefore the EU and its member countries are challenged by CEFEC with its experience of Social Firms and Enterprises to focus on and secure their current funding policy and to enable expansion in line with the great integration demand of the named vulnerable groups of people.

With this Resolution the Delegates and Experts of the CEFEC Conference are sending a strong request to the European Commission to help the PAN EUROPEAN BASIS to implement an ACTION PLAN: Empowering

Social Firms Europe CEFEC

"a network for your social economy vision"

the communities all over Europe to support social firms and social enterprises as stepping stones for job inclusion.

The entire network of Social Firms Europe CEFEC with 74 members from 28 countries and the social economy actors in Europe are called to support the initiative as a sign of solidarity and respect in Europe.

Signed by SFE CEFEC President Mrs. Athina Frangkouli Sakellaropoulos &

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