



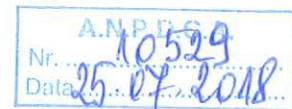
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Dear Madam,

This is to inform you that between **21-23 November, 2018**, it will take place in Bucharest, Romania, the **Regional Conference on Strengthening the Social Work/Social Services Workforce**, organized by the Ministry of Labour and Social Justice in Romania and the National Authority for the Protection of the Rights of the Child and Adoption, together with the United Nations Children's Fund - Europe and Central Asia Regional Office (ECARO), in view of which we are sending you this present **"Save the Date!"**.

The high-level event, lasting two and a half days, will bring together government officials, academics, civil society representatives and other stakeholders from countries across Europe and Central Asia<sup>1</sup>, for further understanding, commitment and planning for a trained, resourced, skilled and well-supported social work and social service workforce, important for central and local levels, in both urban and rural areas. The development of the social work/social service workforce is a critical factor in achieving social inclusion for children, persons with disability and marginalized groups of people.

The conference will gather participants from a range of sectors – social, health, education, child protection, early childhood development, migration, justice and youth, and will encourage constructive exchange and facilitate a shared regional vision for taking social work/social service workforce development forward.

The overall **goal of the conference** is to establish a platform for strengthening social work and the social service workforce across the region and develop a common regional agenda for identifying priorities, addressing challenges and taking action.

The **specific objectives of the conference** are:

1. to identify common challenges across the region and strategies to address them drawing on four country case studies and other examples;

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<sup>1</sup> Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Georgia, Greece, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Turkey and other European countries.



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2. to develop a shared understanding among participating stakeholders around a social work/social services workforce strengthening framework focused on planning, developing and supporting;
3. to identify indicators and ways of monitoring and measuring progress on social service workforce strengthening across the region;

**Working languages:** The conference language is English (all papers will be in English) but Russian interpretation will be available at the conference to enable presenters who so wish to present in Russian if they prefer.

**Government delegations are asked to designate participants who have responsibilities for social work/social service workforce planning, support or development across sectors including health, education, social protection and social care, migration, youth, minorities, gender and other portfolios requiring a strong social work/social service workforce. Members of the Academic community – Deans of Social Work Faculties/Departments, for example – can also be included in delegations. It is anticipated that each country delegation will have 3-4 participants.**

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Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

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