

Erasmus+ Project
European Exchanges on Family Group Conferences
Sofia, Bulgaria
24 – 28 September 2018

Venue: House of the Architects, 11 Krakra Street, Sofia

Agenda

Themes

- *The use of FGCs in response to old age and disability issues*
- *FGC used as an innovative lever for social link consolidation*
- *What happens after an FGC?*
- *Failures and solutions in FGC practice*
- *Relationships between coordinators and social workers: under what conditions can social workers be coordinators?*
- *The participation of juveniles in the family decision process*
- *Communication about FGC towards the public (identifying families, first contact, support materials...)*

24 September 2018, Monday

For all of those, who are in Sofia and would like to get together we suggest to meet for dinner at 19 pm at “Before & After” Restaurant – 12, Hristo Belchev Street

25 September 2018, Tuesday

Training topics:

- *Communication about FGC towards the public (identifying families, first contact, support materials...)*

09.00 – 09.30 *Arrival / Networking / Coffee*

09.30 – 11.00 **Opening addresses**
Eleonora Lilova, Chair of the State Agency for Child Protection
Vladimir Kissiov, Chair of the Board of Tulip Foundation
Introduction Circle
Recapitulation of the current state of the project

11.00 – 11.15 *Tea / Coffee break*

11.15 – 12:30 **Development of FGC in Bulgaria:** Presentation by Tulip Foundation
- History of FGC practice and social background
- Organisations and coordinators
- Structure

12.30 – 13.30 *Lunch and Networking*

13.30 – 15.00 **Communication about FGC towards the public** (identifying families, first contact, support materials...)
World Café
Possible topics:

- *Who identifies the families and how are the families identified (what criteria)?*
- *Who makes the first contact and how (timing, place), way of presenting FGC)*
- *What support materials can be used?*
- *What is the implication of families in communicating about FGC?*
- *What could be the ways and the channels for communication?*

15.30 – 15:45 *Tea / Coffee break*

15.45 – 16.30 **Presentations of recommendations and ideas from the tables** and viewing of the support materials
Discussion

17.00 **Sofia Guided Tour in English, French and German**

19.30 Dinner at “By the Eagles” Panorama Restaurant

26 September 2018, Wednesday

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- *Relationships between coordinators and social workers: under what conditions can social workers be coordinators?*

09.00 – 10.30	Practical experience in FGC with Roma families and communities Co-participation Association, Varna NAIA Association, Targovishte Table discussion Empowerment of Roma Women for Roma Children Education Opportunity and Protection Association, Haskovo Table discussions
10.30 – 10:45	<i>Tea / Coffee break</i>
11:15 – 12.30	Evaluation of FGC – presentations from partners Stuart Graham, FRG Lifelong Links Scottish Project Director, UK Andreas Hampe, Regionalleiter Jug Rathaus Neukölln Berlin Discussion
12.30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch and Networking</i>
13.30 – 14:20	Participation of children and young people in FGC – expectations and practice, challenges and opportunities Experiences from project partners Hearing young people's voices in FGCs - Deanna Edwards and Kate Parkinson, University of Salford, UK Personal Future Planning - Sina Adamy, JaKuS gGmbH and Beate Tensfeldt, Jugendamt Neukölln Berlin Table discussions
14.20 – 15.15	Lifelong Links Presentation by Sean Haresnape, Family Rights Group, UK Table discussion
15:15 – 15.30	<i>Tea / Coffee break</i>
15.30 – 16.30	Relationships between coordinators and social workers: under what conditions can social workers be coordinators? Presentation by County Council of Gironde Nicole Ouvrard and Catherine Gilardeau - the context in Gironde about coordinators being social workers Christophe Jabet, Marie-Noëlle Lacour, Nathalie Sirieix - testimonies of social workers on their experience as coordinators Circle discussion
16.30	End of the day
19.00	Dinner at "Pod Lipite" (Under the lime trees) Traditional Bulgarian Cuisine Restaurant, 1, Elin Pelin Street, Sofia

27 September 2018, Thursday

Training topics:

- What happens after an FGC?
- *Failures and solutions in FGC practice*
- *The use of FGCs in response to old age, disability issues and isolation*

09.00 - 10.30 **Failures/obstacles and solutions in FGC practice – Follow up table discussions of the working meeting in Berlin in June 2018**
Work in 5 parallel groups on:

- Possible ways to overcome obstacles for professionals / referrers
- Opportunities to overcome obstacles for families
- Failures and solutions in FGC practice

Presentations from table discussions:

10.30 - 10.45 *Tea / Coffee break*

10.45 - 12.30 **FGC for people in social isolation: Are there differences in the way FGC is applied depending on the accompanied person – focus on FGC for isolated person, old age, persons with disabilities)**
Presentations from partners & Testimony of coordinators
Kareen Caldwell, Edinburgh, UK
Edith Moncoucut, Elected Representative at Gironde County Council
Nathalie Sirieix, Bordeaux, France – an FGC that she has prepared as coordinator
Table discussion

12.30 – 13.30 *Lunch*

13.30 – 16.30 **Transnational meeting** (only for the project team) with tea/coffee break
- Preparing the closing conference (agenda, speakers etc.)
- Organising the work on the Best practices guide (final table of contents, division of tasks, work deadlines)