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## EU FGC NETWORK MEETING BELGRADE, SERBIA 2013

### MINUTES

European Family Group Conference Network Meeting for 2013, was held in Belgrade, Serbia, from October 30<sup>th</sup> until November 1<sup>st</sup> in Hotel PALACE.

At Meeting participated 39 representatives from 13 European countries (Norway, Sweden, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Italia, Austria, Russia, Bulgaria, Scotland, England, Wales and Serbia).

According to the proposed agenda (annexed to this report), the Meeting was dedicated to several different areas of FGC implementation and development. All areas were connected and inspired by so far made agreements among members (principles, values, and processes)

First **conference day begun with introduction of Network participants. Se**

As always – Country reports were submitted, but in a new, more interactive and productive way, so that representatives could explain in more details their examples of good practice, and also had opportunity to answer the questions of other participants. (All submitted reports you can find at the FGC Network web site [www.fgcnetwork.eu](http://www.fgcnetwork.eu))

Welcome speech of the executive director of host organization "IN THE FAMILY CIRCLE" was introduction in the conference. In the speech Ms Zeljka Burgund explained the situation regarding FGC model development and implementation in Serbia, as well as expectations of this year's Network Meeting.

Representative of Serbian Institute for Social Care presented to the participants actual situation in social care field in Serbia in order to explain the context in which we are trying to create conditions for implementation of the new service in social care system. (Presentation will be attached as a part of this report.)

This year's Network meeting was special by using "OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY", - work in small groups with specific rules which gave opportunity to the participants to talk about themes for which they are especially interested.

In two day small groups discussed about: *training* (international cooperation, standards, supervision), *advocating*, Network and communication development (*web site, LOGO*), fund raising (*stakeholders*), standards (*template for plans*), fields of implementation (*elderly people, FGC in mental health, foster care, justice*), philosophy of the model (*ownership of FGC issues, "mind shifting", gender in FGC*).



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The leaders of small groups (persons who suggested themes for discussion) will create short reports and highlight conclusions made during work, which will be submitted to the Serbia FGC team and then delivered to all participants.

In conclusion of this short RESUME we can say that EU FGC Network made big step forward since last year's Meeting in Sofia (Bulgaria). Network now has well organized web site, there were made some proposals about the future Network LOGO, representatives of organizations which implement FGC model in European countries showed high level of solidarity and readiness to spread the knowledge among members, as well as to work together at the standardization and balancing of the quality of the service and model itself. The step forward was made in the field of inner Network structure and organization, communication between Network members, collaboration concerning advocating and raising funds for service implementation (possible partnerships between organizations from different countries and joint applying for funds at EU bodies). In principle also there was agreement that the countries with greater experience in FGC implementation will offer help to the newer members in the field of training, supervision and important documents (such as templates for plans etc.)

To the EU FGC Network Meeting preceded presentation about implementation, philosophy, values, practical benefits and researches concerning FGC model to the professionals and decision makers in Serbia and Belgrade. Representatives from Norway and Holland (Svanhild Vik and Rob van Pagee) presented FGC experiences in their countries at Republic Institute for social care. Their presentations were excellent received, and we hope that their exposures will help to the efforts to implement FGC model in Serbia.

Also, all participants expressed contentment with hospitality of Mr Nenad Matic, Belgrade City Secretary for social care, who organized reception at Belgrade City Hall for Network members.

With aim to show some aspects of culture and mentality of Serbia and its people host organization, as well as City of Belgrade organized touristic and cultural events for participants of Network Meeting.

From the point of view of meeting organizers we hope that working conditions were suitable and comfortable.

At the end of Network Meeting the decision was made to organize next conference in Italy, in period of 5 – 7 November 2014.

FGC Team Serbia

Belgrade, November 2013.