

New Publication on Social Work Education in Europe

Education and training for social work and related social professions in the European countries follow various models and are of an enormous variety. In spite of certain tendencies to uniform and standardize education and training – also following the declaration of Bologna – there is still a broad spectrum of institutions, forms, and grades in education for social work, social pedagogy, and related social professions on different levels in universities, colleges, academies, schools and other training institutions. These education and training processes and study courses have, up to now, not sufficiently been described, compared, and analyzed. There is no documentation especially for the succession states of the former USSR and former Yugoslavia and smaller countries like Malta, Cyprus, Liechtenstein, and San Marino. In addition, there is presently a fast and dynamic development in the field of education and training for social work in all countries.

The Social Work Unit at the Department of Education of the University of Mainz, Germany, has therefore conducted a research project on the documentation of Education and Training for Social Work, Social Pedagogy, and related social professions in all European countries with the help of experts from the respective country. Editors and authors hope that – in the present phase of orientation and development - the publications will promote and support international discussion and provide productive impulses.

The four volumes of the publication (with reports on 45 countries) have appeared. The country reports are either in English or German language.

The first volume appeared in 2004 and contains reports (9) on Iceland, Estonia, Lithuania, United Kingdom, Germany, Austria, Serbia, Turkey and Portugal:

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The third volume appeared in 2006 and contains reports on Finland, Russia, Belgium (Flanders), France, Luxemburg, Czech Republic, the Ukraine, Hungary, Rumania, Moldova, and Liechtenstein:

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