



**ICSW EUROPE WORKSHOP DRAFT PROGRAM
TBILISI, GEORGIA**

Social Protection Floors – Regional and International Experiences

Date: October 30th 2015

Venue: Tbilisi State University, 1 Chavchavadze Avenue, Main Building, Room # 107

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09:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:20 Opening

Ia Shekriladze, Director, Georgian Association of Social Workers (GASW)

Miloslav Hettes, President, ICSW Europe

10:20 – 11:30 Morning Session:

Social Protection Floors, Social Investment, Social Protection, Session I

Moderator: Solveig Saskjem

- *“Social Protection Floors as an Investment in Central and Eastern Europe”*, **Miloslav Hettes**, Bratislava, ICSW Slovakia
- *“NGOs within Council of Europe Social Protection Activities”*, **Thomas Goldberg**, Stockholm, ICSW Sweden
- *“Long-term care for older persons as part of Social Protection Floors: An ILO perspective”*, **Xenia Scheil-Adlung**, International Labour Organization, Geneva
- *“Social Protection Floors and Demographic Ageing: Regional Trends and Considerations”*, **Roza Rayapova, Daniel Horn**, HelpAge International
- Discussion

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee/tea Break



Social Protection Floors, Social Investment, Social Protection, Session II

“Local, National, Regional Issues, Social Protection, Social Work, Social Development” – Part I

Moderator: Natia Partskhaladze

12:00 – 13:50

- “*Social Protection Floor for Europe and Region*”, **Angele Cepenaite**, Vilnius, ICSW Lithuania
- “*The challenge of effective social protection in absence of strong social work: A plan for action*”, **Vadim Moldovan**, Director of Project Casa Mare, Republic of Moldova
- “*Development of System of Social Protection of Population in Russia*”, **Ludmila Kononova**, Moscow Institute for Rising Qualifications of Social Workers (IPDSSE), Russian Federation
- “*Social work and the changing welfare system in Kazakhstan*”, **Sofiya An**, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan
- Discussion

13:50 - 14:40 Lunch Break

14:40 – 16:00 Afternoon Session:

Local, National, Regional Issues, Social Protection, Social Work, Social Development – Part II - Caucasus

Moderator: Salome Namitcheishvili

- “*Social Protection situation in Georgia*”, **Nino Shatberashvili**, ICSW Georgia/GASW
- “*The Role of the Third Sector in the Structure of Social Protection in Armenia*”, **Gohar Barseghyan**, ICSW Armenia/Mission Armenia NGO, Yerevan, Armenia
- “*Social protection and role of social workers in Azerbaijan*”, **Gunay Ismayilova**, Azerbaijan Social Work Public Union, Baku, Azerbaijan
- Discussion

16:00 – 16:15 Short Break

16:15 - 17:00 Regional Memorandum and Closure

16:15 – 16:30 Memorandum/Conclusions Draft Presentation, ICSW Europe, ICSW Georgia/GASW

16:30 – 16:45 Regional Memorandum Discussion

16:45 – 17:00 Closing remarks



Participant countries: Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Finland, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Moldova, Norway, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Sweden.

International organizations/international NGOs: HelpAge International, ICSW Europe, IFSW, ILO Geneva, UNICEF CEE/CIS RO, UNICEF Georgia.



Date and place of the planned expert meeting	Date: 30 October 2015 Place: Tbilisi Country: Georgia
Theme of the activity	<p>“Social protection floors as investment in Central and Eastern Europe.”</p> <p><i>The role of ICSW in social development and cooperation in support of SPFs in the region. Follow up of ICSW Europe conclusions on guaranteed social protection in Rennes in reality of the Central, South-eastern Europe (Balkans) and Caucasus States local development. Main speakers from Georgia, Lithuania and Slovakia introduce in plenary and working groups will evaluate possibilities of the region. Other speakers will have possibilities to take the floor and share with their experience, proposal and amendments. Experts, lobbyists and advocacy groups from the region evaluate possibilities and approaches in promotion of the social cohesion and inclusive growth.</i></p> <p><i>Social work according to the new global definition is practice-based profession discipline that promotes social development and social cohesion. Organizers prepare broader scope event not only for social workers. Main stakeholders, activists from NGOs, potential ICSW members, academicians, advocacy groups, and politicians will be invited. International gathering allows exchange of knowledge and examples of good practice.</i></p> <p><i>ICSW Europe experts meet local member and potential regional members.</i></p>
Relevance for ICSW Europe	<p>ICSW Europe plans to support social protection floors by using of country examples, it is important to deal with EU member and not-member states, SPFs development policy, protection of human and social rights, to fight with exclusions and to work with different target groups as well with marginal. Demographic changes threats all parts of Europe (challenges in elderly care, ageing, and solidarity between generations). Poverty reduction, working poor, support of the poorest, refugees and homeless people, poverty in extreme rural areas, migration problems are among current problems in the region as is included in work program of ICSW. ICSW Europe plans to work and expand the number of people and countries involved in promoting social welfare. In order to be a reliable and leading forum for the debate on social policy in Europe it needs more members and active members from this region. Invited will be representatives from the region. Results of the meeting will be published and used in future development of SPFs and will use as good example of regional cooperation within ICSW Europe.</p>