



International Congress on Social Policies 2022:

The Challenge of Social Inclusion in Future Europe

Hosted by University of Malaga and organized jointly with ICSW and University of Málaga

November 30, December 1, 2 and 3 (Version 22.11.2022)

1. Scientific objective of the Congress

The aim of the Congress is to map innovative analyses and societal policy solutions to emerging social development issues, and to lay ground to a conclusions paper to help guide ICSW and its partners towards a strong impact on the envisaged UN Second *World Summit for Social Development in 2025*.

That forthcoming UN Social Summit is part of the UN [Secretary-General's report on "Our Common Agenda" \(un.org\)](#), (2021), its Commitment number one: "*Leave no one behind*". *Our Common Agenda* aims at accelerating the achievement of the *Sustainable Development Goals (2015)* by 2030 . The Report also provides a new anchor for updating the World social agenda that is still based to the Copenhagen Declaration and Plan of Action of 1995 of the first ever Social Summit (1995). While many of the principles of the Copenhagen documents stand time, the realities have drastically changed from the early 1990s: World population was 5.6 billion but is now hitting the 8 billion mark, and e.g. internet was not yet in use. It is high time to bring the analyses and action guidelines up to date and align the social development agenda with the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their ecological and economic dimensions.

The Copenhagen Declaration stated inter alia that the aim of social integration is to achieve "*a society for all*". While the vision of a society for all is still very relevant, the idea of integration in social policy theory and practice has evolved to emphasize more equal rights and responsibilities and the active involvement, active agency and empowerment of vulnerable groups and those at risk of exclusion.

International Council on Social Welfare ICSW was actively instrumental in the preparations of the Copenhagen Summit and intends to bring the voice of the civil society and academy to this timely new global process, as well.

2. Background

Today's Europe is facing great challenges, such as

- Multidimensional poverty and exclusion, splitting of societies those who thrive and those left behind
- Political polarization
- Ageing and increasing need of services
- Internal refugee crisis
- Interregional migration
- Climate change
- War within Europe



Broad, Comprehensive Social Policies (CSP) are needed to meet, mitigate and cope with the negative consequences of the multiple social challenges emerging from such megatrends and their accompanying social and economic shocks. On the other hand, there are new potentials, such as digitalization and strengthened networking between civil society and academic organizations on *global social policies*.

3. International scientific society that supports the Congress

This International Congress is a joint venture by International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW) and the University of Malaga and UNED with other Spanish Partners.

International Council on Social Welfare, ICSW will support this Congress by organizing its Capacity Building Seminar and its yearly General Assembly in conjunction of this event. The purpose of the Capacity Building Seminar is to explore the current and future social policy challenges, particularly in Europe with the understanding of the global context. The ICSW is a non-governmental organization whose basic objective since its foundation in 1928 is to strengthen social welfare. In this seminar, renowned experts from ICSW Europe, together with Spanish colleagues, address the main challenges for social inclusion in European societies and welfare systems. Good practices carried out in different European countries will be presented, paying special attention to economic, social and digital inclusion, rural development and aid to refugees and victims of humanitarian crises.

The University of Malaga is hosting the event and provide academic inputs and leadership to the event and its discussions. The event also serves also as networking platform by the involved organizations. The event is scheduled to 30 November to 2 December, 2022 in Málaga, Spain hosted by the University of Málaga.

The Congress will take place at the **Faculty of Social and Labor Studies of the University of Malaga**.
It is located at: Avenida Francisco Trujillo S/ N. Malaga, Spain. (Campus Expansion)

Malaga is one of the most cosmopolitan provinces in Spain and has become one of the preferred locations for all kinds of congresses, conferences and seminars, both national and international. Our visitors value the warmth and hospitality of a province of Malaga that has 1,669,651 inhabitants (INE, 2021) and one of the most dynamic universities in Spain. Once again, after the success of the previous year, in this second edition, one of the main objectives is for this Seminar is to become a benchmark annual event for social activities, a meeting with international academics and professional colleagues. The point and followed will be to create a thematic network from which to share experiences. The official language of the Seminar will be English. With regard to scientific content, this seminar will accept substantive contributions on a wide range of topics relevant to Social Policies, Welfare State and Social Work.

4. Description of the Congress on Social Policies 2022 at the University of Malaga 30. November-3 December 2022

Language: English

Hybrid format: live and zoom

Participants consists of representatives of ICSW Member Organizations and the aforementioned cooperating academic institutions. The event will be open and free also for students of the University of Malaga and also for those people from other universities who present communications. The event and Zoom is also open to



all members of ICSW, not only those in the European Region. Pre-registration is needed for the managing of the Zoom sessions.

Speakers will include:

- Outstanding academic and civil society experts on social work and social development
- Selected contributors to recent publications on digital social work and inclusion
- Experts from ICSW Europe Member Organizations (Finland/SOSTE, Austria OEKSA, Moldova/ Project Casa Mare etc.) A call for short presentations on good inclusion practices still ongoing)

The event consists of **four interconnected components:**

1. **Opening session: Round table by partners and a keynote lecture on Digital Social Work** (Wednesday 30 November 2022)
2. **ICSW Europe Capacity Building Seminar (CBS)** focusing on preparation of ICSW to have an impact on the forthcoming UN Social Summit of 2025. The focus is on social inclusion (Thursday 1 December and half day Friday 2nd December).
3. **ICSW Europe General Assembly** (Friday 2nd December, second half of the day)
4. **International Social Welfare** (Saturday 3rd December)

Expected results:

The Congress will exhibit fresh insights to the issue of social inclusion particularly in ‘the digital age’ and disseminate these perspectives widely through the channels of the partners. The output of the ICSW Europe Capacity Building Seminar (CBS) will include, in addition to the inputs by presenters, a discussion on a *Statement on Inclusion* by ICSW Europe to be channeled to the preparatory process of the UN Social Development Summit of 2025.

Co-chairs:

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PROGRAM of the CONGRESS

Wednesday November 30: Opening Sessions

9:30h: Inauguration

Jose Angel Narvaez Bueno. Magnificent Rector University of Malaga

Ana Rosa del Águila Obra. Dean Faculty of Social and Labor Studies

Ana Maria Campanini. President of the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW)

Max Rubisch. President of International Council of Social Welfare Europe

Sang-Mok Suh. Global President of International Council on Social Welfare

10.00-11.30h: Round table: “International Social Work Organizations and Global Trends”

Ana Maria Campanini. President of the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW)

Antonio López Peláez. ICSW Executive Director and UNED Professor

Sang-Mok Suh. President of International Council on Social Welfare

11.30-12.00: Break

12:30-1:30 pm Lecture:

“Digital Social Work”

Chaime Marcuello Servós and Patricia Almaguer (Universidad de Zaragoza)

14.30-18.00: Oral communications and posters

Thursday December 1st: ICSW Capacity Building Seminar

9.30-10.30h. Lecture:

Why is social inclusion an important topic now and in the future- Background for the next Social Summit 2025

Ronald Wiman (Current President, ICSW Europe)

10.30-11.30 a.m. Lecture:

“Inclusive well-being economy”

Vertti Kiukas, Secretary General, Finnish Federation for Social Affairs and Health - SOSTE) (On-line)

11.30-12.00. Break

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lecture:

“Disability Inclusion”

Max Rubisch, Austria (forthcoming ICSW Europe President)

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Lecture:

“An unwelcomed inclusion: Globalization, cultural leveling and rural autochthony.

Vadim Moldovan (Director, Project Casa Mare, Moldova)



2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Break

15.00-16.00. Table 1:

“Inclusion cases and good practices” (by ICSW members, tbc)

Moderator: Antonio López Peláez (ICSW)

16.00-17.00. Table 2:

Discussion on ICSW Europe priority themes for the Social Summit 2025

Ronald Wiman (coordinator)

17.00-18.00h Oral communications and posters

Friday December 2nd: ICSW CBS continues and General Assembly

10.00-11.00. Lecture:

“Digital inclusion”

Sergei Zelenev (ICSW), Antonio López Peláez (ICSW and UNED) and Gloria Kirwan (Royal College of Surgeons / Trinity College)

11.00-12.00. Plenary session:

“Digital Social Services: Towards disruption model”

Joaquín Castillo de Mesa (Universidad de Málaga)

12.00. Break

12.00-13.30: Lecture:

“Social inclusion and social services in Europe: challenges for the next decade”

Alfonso Lara Montero. Chief Director European Social Network (ESN)

13.30-14-30. Break

14.30-17:00 ICSW Europe General Assembly 2022 (For ICSW Europe Members)

17:15- 18.15 ICSW Europe Board Meeting (for Board members only)

Saturday December 3rd: International Social Welfare

10.00-11.00: Lecture:

“Challenges of Social Welfare in Italy”

Roberta Teresa Di Rosa. University of Palermo (Italy)

11.00-12.00: Lecture

“Developing integrated services for elderly people: the challenges of multidisciplinary teamwork”



Aline Petrauskine. Mikolas Romeris University (Lithuania)

12.00-13.00h: Closing session:

“Challenges of the International Ecosystem of Social Work and Social Services Organizations”

Joaquín Castillo de Mesa (Universidad de Málaga)

5. Dissemination plan

Websites: The dynamization will be carried out both through the microsite provided by the UMA, and through the website of the co-financing entity, the International Council of Social Welfare (www.icsw.org) and the other organizations to which the participating speakers belong. It will try to make a press release for the UMA and for the different national and international newspapers.

Regarding other network broadcasting spaces:

Twitter: It will also be spread through Twitter, Facebook and a Wordpress blog. On Twitter, the tag #ICSP2022 and the user @ICSP2022 should always be included. The organizers will be in charge of tracking this tag and monitoring it to respond to comments from participants during the seminar. The speakers who share related content will also do so with this label. There is a list on Twitter with names of speakers, the ideal is to mention them in the tweets as well:

Participants will be asked to subscribe (it will be proposed in the welcome message). Another list will also be created with expert professionals and entities linked to the theme of the course, to use them as a source of information during it.

Blogs: The most significant will be published on the blog, both in Spanish and English. From the start, a post will be prepared for the launch.

On Facebook, they will take advantage of the fact that there is a panel of organizations and professionals with profiles who will be tagged and share what is published on the blog: photos, complementary videos of the congress.