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CONTEXT :

The European Union Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases (EUCERD) Joint Action: Working for Rare Diseases (N° 2011 22 01) started on 1 March 2012 and will support for a three-year duration the activities and mandate of the [EUCERD](#). From 2014 it supports the activities of the [European Commission Expert Group on Rare Diseases](#) which replaces the EUCERD. The EUCERD Joint Action is co-funded by the EU Health Programme.

This workshop was organised in the scope of [Work Package 6](#) of the EUCERD Joint Action. In this work package, the EUCERD has chosen to examine the area of specialised social services for rare diseases (RD), as concerns both the provision of specialised rehabilitation services for RD as well as the integration of RD into mainstream social policies and services.

This work will include:

- Identifying and mapping of existing specialised social services such as therapeutic recreational programmes , respite care services and other rehabilitation services (e.g. adapted housing) and the identification of good practices;
- Facilitating access to information on specialised social services for RD patients and their families;
- Defining guiding principles for Member States and stakeholders on why and how to develop training sessions for social services providers;
- Promoting the integration of RD into social policies and services by identifying existing social guidelines and defining guiding principles for social care in the field of RD.

WORKSHOP AIMS :

This workshop aimed to provide a forum to share information with EUCERD members and other interested parties on 'Training for Social Services Providers' in order to better care for people living with a rare disease. It also aimed to create debate on 'Training for Social Services Providers', and elaborate an [outcome document](#) composed of main guidelines and good practices for the implementation and functioning of training programmes for social services providers (social workers, carers, psychologists, therapists, etc.).

FURTHER INFORMATION

EUCERD Joint Action website : www.eucerd.eu

Document: [Rare Diseases – Addressing the Need for Specialised Social Services & Integration into Social Policies \(November 2012\)](#)

Document: [Guiding Principles for Specialised Social Services](#) (April 2013)

Document: [EUCERD Joint Action Guiding Principles on Training for Social Services Providers](#) (April 2014)

Document: [EUCERD Joint Action: Examples of Training Programmes for Social Service Providers](#)

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