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EuropeAid's expert facility supporting social  
protection systems in partner countries



# WHAT IS SOCIEUX?

- **Technical assistance** facility
- Established by **EuropeAid**
- Supporting partner countries to better design and manage **Social Protection** systems
- Via **short-term (1-2 weeks) peer-to-peer** support
- By **experts** from public administrations primarily from the **EU MSs + Partner Countries + IOs**



# **SEVEN FEATURES OF SOCIEUX**

**(“there are already many programmes, so.....?”)**

1. Quick: implementation seven weeks after approval of a request
2. Flexible
3. Demand driven/ownership
4. Short-term: one to two weeks
5. Mainly EU MSs public administration experts
6. South/South or Triangular Cooperation
7. Peer to peer



# WHO IS SOCIEUX?

- Established by EuropeAid (DG for Development & Cooperation, European Commission)
- Consortium:
  - GVG (DE), managing member
  - ADECRI (FR)
  - GIZ (DE)
  - FIIAPP (ES)
- Programme team established in Brussels

Gesellschaft für  
Versicherungswissenschaft  
und -gestaltung e.V.



**giz** Deutsche Gesellschaft  
für Internationale  
Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH



**FIIAPP**  
COOPERACIÓN ESPAÑOLA





# HOW DOES SOCIEUX WORK?

From request to approval and M&E is organised in four phases:

1. Request made by Partner Country: assessment **3 weeks**
2. Approval Process: **2 weeks**
3. Preparation (**7 weeks**) and implementation Process (**1 or 2 weeks**)
4. Evaluation



# **STEP 1.**

## **REQUEST MADE BY PCs**

- Simple request form; yes it is demand driven, but.....
- SOCIEUX assessment criteria check
- Action Approval Form/ToREx
- Experts search starts: how?



# HOW TO FIND THE RIGHT EXPERT?

- Programme Consortia
- ToREX
- Website
- SOCIEUX data base
- Focal Points



# THE EXPERTS SELECTION PROCESS

- Experts primarily from EU MS-administrations, but.....
- Role for South/South or Triangle Cooperation: mutual learning and best practise on different levels
- Experts are selected in a non-discriminatory and transparent procedure, using EU standards





# EXPERTS PROFILE

- Experience in the area of assistance
- Experience providing technical assistance in international contexts, especially in developing countries
- Experience in the beneficiary country
- Requested language skills
- The best expert? Sometimes: "Another road taken....."



# **STEP 2.**

## **EUROPEAID APPROVAL PROCESS**

Big role for EuropeAid in assessing the Action  
Approval Form (2 weeks)



# STEP 3. PREPARATION/IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

Role for:

- **EUDs:** contacts, country background and profile
- **Requesting institution:** background info, counter part.
- **SOCIEUX team:** experts briefing, finance, contract, travel, insurance, visa.

Fully standby and support of the SOCIEUX team.



# **STEP 4.**

## **M&E PROCESS**

Several levels: Mission Report, Questionnaires, debriefing and overall Evaluation: input to improve.

Challenging interaction between:

- rapidity
- sustainability
- relevance and
- ownership (demand driven)



# **FIVE AREAS OF ASSISTANCE**

## **(based on the definition of Social Protection)**

1. Social insurance
2. Social assistance
3. Access to basic social services
4. Financing of social protection systems
5. M&E systems, statistics and registration systems



# MANY TYPES OF INTERVENTIONS

- Fact-finding missions
- Screening and reviews of documents
- Support in drafting legislation & strategies
- Roundtable discussions
- Direct and peer to peer approaches
- Train-the-trainer seminars
- Technical trainings



# ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES: WHO CAN BENEFIT?

- **ENPI:** European Neighbourhood Countries
- **DCI:** Latin America, Asia (including Central Asia) and the Middle East
- **EDF:** African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries



# **SOCIEUX'S ADDED VALUE FOR PCs**

## **(again: the seven features)**

1. Quick
2. Flexible
3. Demand driven/ownership
4. Short-term
5. Mainly EU MSs public administration experts
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# **SOCIEUX'S ADDED VALUE FOR MSs**

- The heart of the EU Social Model and of the ILO Floor
- SOCIEUX is in line with (adopted) national supportive initiatives
- The mutual interest through peer-to-peer
- Experts with new ideas and input from different cultures and perspectives, looking “outside-inside” inspire the EU administrations.



# **SOCIEUX'S ADDED VALUE FOR EXPERTS**

- Networking, learning and gaining international experience
- Improving skills in training delivery and feedback under different and difficult circumstances.
- First-hand experience of social protection systems
- Contribute to enhancing cooperation EU/PCs.



# TIMING

- Start implementation mid October 2013.
- Programme runs till April 2016
- Length of individual activities: 1-2 weeks.  
One action could contain several activities

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► Employment, social inclusion and social protection

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### **SOCIEUX - Social Protection European Union Expertise in Development**

**Cooperation** - is a technical assistance facility which has been set up by the European Commission's Directorate General for Development and Cooperation - EuropeAid - in order to support the efforts of partner countries to better design and manage their social protection systems.

**SOCIEUX** works through making European expertise available quickly and with minimal complications. It draws on the public mandated bodies and administrations of European Member States to provide expert practitioners who can be rapidly mobilised for short-term peer-to-peer assignments.

It can also support south-south and triangular cooperation through deploying practitioners from the administrations of partner countries administrations and non-

governmental groups.

**SOCIEUX** is a demand-driven instrument. Partner countries submit requests for assistance in designing and delivering social protection systems.

**SOCIEUX** offers support in all social protection areas, including **social insurance, social assistance, access to basic social services, monitoring and evaluations systems.**

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**SOCIEUX** mainly targets partner countries' public authorities and mandated bodies in charge of social protection at a national and regional level. Potential partner countries will be low-income and middle-income countries from the following regions of the world:

- European Neighbourhood
- Latin America, Asia (including Central Asia) and Middle East
- Africa, Caribbean and Pacific

**Interested partners** are invited to send their requests by [e-mail](#), letter or fax. Requests should specify the name, position and contact details of the applicant and the government body or institution they represent, together with a brief outline of the area of assistance, needs and estimated budget.

**Download SOCIEUX Request Form for Partner Countries**

**Download SOCIEUX Guide for Partner Countries**

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**SOCIEUX** looks at identifying suitable social protection experts in public administrations and mandated bodies of EU Member States and partner countries who could engage with our project as short term experts.

The experts mobilised by **SOCIEUX** will provide technical assistance from preparation to post-delivery follow-up of actions. The **SOCIEUX** team assists experts to fulfil their assignments by supporting and advising on the preparation of background materials prior to meetings, translating documents, etc.

Interested social protection experts from EU Member States' and partner countries' public administrations or mandated bodies are invited to contact the programme team or send their application by [email](#), letter or fax. The application should specify the name, position, contact details and CV of the applicant (indicatively, the [Europass CV template](#) can be used) as well as the represented EU Member State public administration of mandated body.

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[Download SOCIEUX Guide for Experts](#)

[Download the Europass CV template](#)



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