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EUROPEAN SEMINAR

“Solidarity in the Housing Sector”

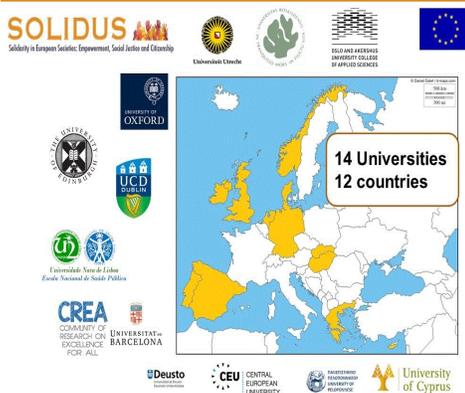
The 2nd SOLIDUS European Seminar will be held in Budapest (Hungary) at the Central European University by Tuesday, May 30, 2017. This Policy Seminar will be focused on “Solidarity in the Housing Sector”.

More information will be available in the website <http://solidush2020.eu>

SOLIDUS. “Solidarity in European societies: empowerment, social justice and citizenship” (2015-2018), is a project that gets funds from the European Union's Horizon 2020 programme, under grant agreement number 649489. The innovative character of this research is that it explores conceptually and empirically current and future expressions of European solidarity from an inter-disciplinary approach that integrates views from Sociology, Psychology, Economic Geography, Economy, Philosophy and Public Management.

SOLIDUS will make use of such outputs to integrate them with empirical evidences found in a range of social innovation, third sector's and public management's practices from a comparative perspective, in which different state and policy sector traditions are considered with the aim of reaching an understanding of these drivers and barriers. SOLIDUS will help policy-makers at European level to develop policies and instruments that recognise the potential of solidarity to achieve societal goals through available tools of policy innovation while improving the evidence-based character of their policies. Specifically, **SOLIDUS identifies Successful Solidarity Acts that are having social and/or political impact in reducing social inequalities.**

Policy Seminar “European Solidarity with social impact. Can policy learn from this?” 21st June 2016, Brussels



This 1st Policy Seminar introduced initial results of the SOLIDUS project. Specifically, SOLIDUS team shared some successful case studies of solidarity identified during the WP2 of the project.

The Policy seminar was held at Albert Borschette Congress Center (CCAB) in Brussels, and was introduced by Dr. Marta Soler (SOLIDUS Main Researcher, CREA – University of Barcelona, Spain) and Mr. Andreas Obermaier (Project Adviser, European Commission, Research Executive Agency, Unit B3 - Inclusive, Innovative and Reflective Societies). After the presentation, the panel “European response to the refugees’ crisis with real social impact” was developed. In this session, Dr. Lars Hulgård (SOLIDUS researcher, Roskilde

University, Denmark) introduced Mrs Laura Lanuza and Mr. Oriol Canals Bartolomé from the NGO “Proactive Open Arms” (Spain), and Dr Danai Papadopoulou (LIBE Committee, European Parliament). Proactiva Open Arms has been one of the Successful Practices of Solidarity identified under SOLIDUS WP2. Proactiva Open Arms is a non-governmental organisation from Badalona (Barcelona, Spain) whose main mission is that of rescuing refugees from the sea that arrive in Europe fleeing from wars, persecution or poverty. According to data used during the Policy Seminar, NGO Proactive Open Arms helped in



European Policy Seminar, Brussels

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1st European Seminar, Lisbon

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National Innovation Agency (ANI) talked about "Solidarity, Innovation and Public Policies", highlighting the importance of impact in research projects, and Mrs. Maria de Belém Roseira (former Minister of Health and also former Minister of Equity, both at the Portuguese Government, and former member of the European Parliament) talked about "Solidarity in Europe", linking the importance of SOLIDUS results to successfully overcome the new difficulties that are arising in Europe. As a training seminar, and according to SOLIDUS activities, **13 PhD Students and Junior researchers received a fellowship for their participation in the Seminar.** PhD Students and Junior researchers came from Spain, Denmark, Portugal and Germany.

safely reaching the coast 143,358 people, 10,273 of whom sailed in boats adrift, 475 had fallen into the water and were trapped in 9,067 cliffs. Then, a panel on "Successful citizens' initiatives based on solidarity. Implications for policy" was carried out. In this session, Dr. Linda McDowell (SOLIDUS Researcher, University of Oxford, United Kingdom) introduced to Dr. Juraj Nemeč (SOLIDUS Researcher, Matej Bel University, Slovakia), Dr. Maria Murray Svidronova (School Family Finance Project, Slovakia) and Mr. Jeroen Jutte (Head of Unit at European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion). School Family Finance Project (SFF) from Slovakia has been another Successful practices of solidarity identified under SOLIDUS WP2. SFF is a non-profit initiative which is aimed to provide financial knowledge and skills to most vulnerable groups, through our financial literacy courses. According with data used during the Policy Seminar, SFF has helped 3,615 participants and is providing new and useful information, instructing the participants to be active (activation) and autonomous in terms of their financial situation.

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1st European seminar "How to approach solidarity? From the assessment of perceptions and attitudes to the sustainability of initiatives and future challenges". January 26, 2017, Lisbon

The European Seminar was introduced by Dr. Ainhoa Flecha (SOLIDUS Researcher, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain) and Dr. João Pereira (Director of the ENSP, NOVA). After the presentation, Dr. Antonio Miguel (Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation) talked about "The potential and limitations of Social Impact Bonds". Then, Dr. Kathleen Lynch (SOLIDUS Researcher, NUI-University College Dublin) made a presentation talking about "Solidarity and Civil Society: Challenges in an era of Neoliberalism". After the lunch break, we got to know about the Successful citizens' initiatives based on solidarity identified by the SOLIDUS Portuguese team under WP2. Specifically, we debated about the initiative "Porta a Porta" with Beatriz Porteiro and "ReFood" with Hunter Halder. Besides, Dr. Holger Lengfeld & Florian Kley (SOLIDUS Researchers, University of Leipzig) shared the "Measuring attitudes towards transnational solidarity - Conception, methods, preliminary findings and experiences from a thirteen countries' survey". To conclude the seminar, Mr. José Carlos Caldeira (Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Portuguese