

# The role of social service providers in protecting human rights

April 26, 2023 – online meeting

10:30 – 12:00 WET (Lisbon)

11:30 – 13:00 CET (Bratislava, Budapest, Oslo, Riga, Warsaw, Ljubljana, Praha, Valetta, Zagreb)

12:30 – 14:00 EET (Athens, Bucharest, Nicosia, Sofia, Tallin, Vilnius)

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Community based organisations, especially social services providers represent a significant segment of all NGOs in the region of Central and Eastern Europe. The role of NGOs service providers on localising human rights and make (sometimes) abstract norms and standards accessible to vulnerable groups and communities will be discussed by our guests:



**Waltraud Heller | European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)** - opening remarks about applying a human rights- based approach in policies and actions at local level



**Diana Chiriacescu | Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for Social Services | Romania** – member of European Social Employers, initiator of the Romanian Social Platform convening all Romanian thematic networks from disability, children, and elderly, and lead managing partner of the Humanitarian and Social Assistance Centre for Refugees Nicolina in Iași



**Dominika “Nika” Domczyk and Małgorzata Kulczycka | Manufacture of the Diverse Initiatives Association | Poland** – lessons learnt from delivering tailor-made social services for women who experienced sexual abuse in Poland, where there is no system of all-embracing support for women who are abused, and there is also no active network of women self-advocates who have experienced sexual abuse.



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**Dragana Knezić | affiliated with Rehabilitation centre for stress and trauma | Croatia** - author of recent, ACF supported research and toolkit on universal public services in Croatia.

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