

*ALLISW*: Adult Life Long Learning in Social Work– A European Network for Social Work as Adult Education and Blended Learning. The network is coordinated by the University of Jyväskylä, Kokkola University Consortium Chydenius), Finland. (<http://www.chydenius.fi/en>). This network develops the project: *Cross-European Blended Learning of Part-time Students Project*, whose partners are: University of Jyväskylä, Kokkola University Consortium Chydenius, Finland, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, University of Petrosani, Romania and ISCTE- University Institute of Lisbon/Portugal.

The network is looking to be a meeting place and appreciation of the academic recognition of this area of knowledge, facilitating exchanges of knowledge and exchanges in both the fields of intervention and of research, to enhance professional networks and research in Social Work.

Social Work, one of the areas of social and human sciences that emerged from the end of the nineteenth century, gained an early identity as a profession, given its methodological support based on intervention to improve the lives of people, groups and communities. This area of knowing how to do (Social Work) has been associated with structured training plans legitimized in an object (the people) and in a method (Observation, Diagnosis, and Intervention). (Ferreira, 2011).

With the evolution of society, from social, political, economic and cultural contexts, Social Work goes from an area of know-how to a knowledge structured and recognized area in both professional and academic fields. It has deepened its method by associating the dimensions of design, research and evaluation, developing and systematizing new theoretical and methodological references more specific to Social Work and producing boundaries with other social sciences, namely: Sociology and Psychology (Ferreira; academic recognition and insertion into the university system, according to the new global definition of Social Work (Melbourn, 2014).

The social worker is a professional who has a human background, which allows him to establish a relationship with the subject, a theoretical training, which allows him to organize a plan of intervention appropriate to the problem of the person, the community and facilitates an interdisciplinary discourse with other actors and technical knowledge

based on appropriate and effective methodologies to respond to the problem of the Subject and develops their active citizenship through the training and empowerment of personal, social, interpersonal, relational and work skills.

We congratulated Felicia for organizing the meeting and greeted all the social workers present, inviting them to visit our University or we can meet in Ljubljana, Slovenia for the next network meeting between 18-20 April 2018.

We wish that organization become a contribution to promote Equity, Social Justice, Social Cohesion and Social Citizenship.

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