
IDSS Conference – Workshop set-up

The workshop segment of the conference will take place in the afternoon from 14:15 to 16:00 across three different rooms at the first floor of the Crowne Plaza Brussels. The workshop will take place in English.

The workshop will consist of 9 different working groups, within which each participant will be allocated depending on the institutional context of their country. The exact composition of the working groups will be specified at the conference.

Each working group will be in a 'fish-bowl' set-up, with an inner circle of approximately 6 participants and an outer circle of 8 to 12 participants.

The inner circle of the working groups will include a:

- moderator
- rapporteur
- PES expert
- government expert
- social service provider
- advocacy organisation

An empty chair will also be included in the inner circle, in order to give participants of the outer circle the opportunity to contribute to the discussion. Taking the empty seat in the inner circle will be interpreted by the moderator as a sign that the participant wishes to speak. Participants joining the inner circle will be given two minutes speaking time by the moderator, after which they must return to the outer circle. Each participant in the outer circle may take the empty seat several times during the discussion.

The discussion will focus on the risks and barriers of service integration reforms and potential solutions to overcoming these barriers. The groups will congregate by room and agree on what to report in plenary.

The proposed setup ensures that participants are exposed to points of view from other stakeholders and countries, and also that the concerns of all types of stakeholders are represented in the discussion. The fishbowl ensures that the discussion can be kept in focus and can be really interactive and everyone has a chance to contribute.

Please note that, given the somewhat complicated setup for the workshop, it will not be possible to make any changes in response to ad-hoc requests. We appreciate your cooperation in joining the group we assigned for you and thank you in advance for your contribution to a lively discussion.