



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL EDUCATORS

### **The Barcelona Declaration 2003**

Professional Associations of Social Educators/Pedagogues met in Barcelona 8 – 10 October 2003, to participate in the First European Symposium of Social Educators' Professional Associations called by the European Office of the International Association of Social Educators (AIEJI).

#### **Declaration**

We have the will to take part in the process of building a European Union that provides easy professional mobility.

We have the will to participate in the common construction of the European Social Educator's profession.

We have the will to contribute our knowledge in defining criteria for the professional recognition of Social Educators Professional Qualifications in Europe.

We have the will to define ethical guidelines common to all social Educators in Europe.

We agree to the need of a specific training at level 4, as outlined in the European Directive 2002/0061(COD), for all social educators in Europe.

#### **Considerations**

The social educational profession must be based on socio educational practice.

Reflection on the practice and the professional conceptual framework are part of the competencies of social educators.

We must pursue the goal of building the European social educators' common platform.

#### **We agree**

To work together for the recognition of the profession of social educators in Europe.

To define a set of professional qualification criteria that provide a suitable level of competences required to perform the profession.

To develop a common ethical guide that will guide social educators' practice in Europe.

To work for recognition at level 4, a specific educational programme at university level or equivalent institutions, as specified in the European Directive 2002/0061 (COD), that involves theoretical and practical issues.

#### **Signed by**

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Association of Social Pedagogues and Social Workers of the Russian Federation  
Association Professionnelle Suisse des Édicateurs/trices Spécialisé(e)s (SBVS), Switzerland  
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Dutch Association of Social Educators (NVSPH), Holland  
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