

XXII. CEFEC Conference
10th – 12th September 2009, PRAGUE, Czech Republic
Social Firms - A New Dimension of Enterprise

Dear colleagues,

I am very pleased to announce that Social firms Europe (CEFEC), together with FOKUS – Association for Mental Health Care and FOKUS PRAHA, c.a., are the organisers of the next year's CEFEC Conference, which will be held in Prague, Czech Republic from 10 – 12 September 2009.

Each year the CEFEC Conference is organised by a different European city and this year we are delighted that it is the turn of Prague. The conference brings together employees (users of mental health services), members, mental health professionals and managers to exchange views and practices on social issues, the promotion of community awareness, the employment of people with psychosocial problems, and the organisation, management and financial issues of Social Firms and social co-operatives.

The Conference Program

This year's conference is called "Social Firms - A New Dimension of Enterprise". It's main topics are:

- Employment as an important instrument of social integration and recovery in mental health care system
- Ethics of enterprising. Social enterprising and the current economic crisis
- Diversity management
- Economic sustainability and prosperity of a social firm.
- European Social Firm of the Year Award

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About the organizers:

Social Firms Europe (CEFEC) is a European Network of Social Firms, Social Cooperatives, NGO's and organisations that all share the objective of creating paid work for disabled and disadvantaged people.

FOKUS – Association for Mental Health Care is a cover organization of 10 organisations operating in the Czech Republic. FOKUS associations were the first organizations in the field of mental health care in Czechoslovakia. Together they form a strong, closely collaborating group striving for quality of mental health services and for their further enlargement. The FOKUS Association is a member of CEFEC since 2006.

FOKUS PRAHA is a civil association with nearly 20 year tradition of providing mental health care within the area of Prague and the Central Bohemia. It's mission is to support people with an experience with mental illness in their efforts to manage their lives and find opportunities for self-fulfilment in the community.

We hope you will find the conference of interest. **More information** will be available in December 2008 at: www.cefec2009inprague.cz, but in the meantime, please let us know if we can be of any further assistance and contact us to netusilova@fokus-praha.cz.

Yours faithfully,

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