**Component 3 – Study visit in Belgium**

Dates: 5/12/2017 and 6/12/2017

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| **Day#** | **Date** | **Activity** | **City** |
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| **1** | 5/12/2017 | 9.00 AM: The delegation will be picked up at the reception desk of their hotel (Rue du Progress 9, Sint-Joost-ten-Node, 1210 Brussels). Short walk to the headquarters of the Federal Public Service Social Security.**Welcome meeting & Session 1**Time: 09:30 – 12:15Organization: **Federal Public Service Social Security*** **Welcome** *9.30 – 9.45*
* **Means testing in the three social assistance schemes: minimum income for the elderly, people with disabilities and people on active age** *9.45 – 10.45 (Q&A 10.45 – 11 / Break 11-11.15)*
* **Social assistance as a gateway to other social rights and allowances by the Crossroadsbank for Social Security** *11.15 – 12.00 (Q&A 12.00-12.15)*

Lecturers and position:* Koen Vleminckx, Director Research and International Cooperation, Federal Public Service Social Security
* Françoise Tomasetti, Project leader, Crossroadsbank for Social Security

Address: Kruidtuinlaan 50, 1000 Brussel. | Brussels |
|  |  | Taxi transfer to Ghent13.00 – 14.00 Lunch at the Local Service Center De Vlaschaard (Jubileumlaan 219, 9000 Ghent) |  |
|  | 5/12/2017 | **Field visit 1:**  **social assistance innovative service delivery at Campus Prince Filip**Time: 14:00 – 15.30Organization: **The federal Public Planning Service for Social Integration in cooperation with the local center for public welfare of Ghent*** **Short introduction in the working, structure and financing of a local centre for public welfare**
* **Collaboration with the private sector and integrated approach in the fight against poverty**

Lecturers and position:* Eefje Vanhullebusch, Head of department Social services, local center for public welfare of Ghent

Address: Jubileumlaan 217, 9000 Gent | Ghent |
|  | 5/12/2017 | **Field visit 2: visit to care center “Het Heiveld”*** Arrival at 16.00 at care facility Het Heiveld
* 16.00: guided tour at Het Heiveld Care center “Het Heiveld’ won the Award for the Best Facility in Europe from the European Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing (EAHSA) in 2016
* 17.00 : visit to a serviceflat
* 17.15 : visit to the local service center Wibier (by one of the elderly, active volunteers at Wibier)
* 17.45 : closing drink at the fifties inspired cafetaria in Het Heiveld
* 18.30 : end of the visit

Lecturers and position:* Geert Roggeman, Managing director, Het Heiveld

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|  |  | Taxi transfer to the hotel in Brussels |  |
| **2** | 6/12/2017 | Check-out at the hotel (luggage can stay at the hotel) |  |
|  | 6/12/2017 | 8.40 AM: The delegation will be picked up at the reception desk of their hotel (Rue du Progress 9, Sint-Joost-ten-Node, 1210 Brussels). Short walk to the headquarters of the federal Public Planning Service for Social Integration**Session 2**Time: 9.00 – 12.00Organization: **The federal Public Planning Service for Social Integration** * **Means testing – measures / data base / main achievements**
* **Institutional responsibilities and funding sharing**
* **Poverty reduction: main responsibilities and activities undertaken**

Lecturers and position:* Julien Van Geertsom, Chair of the board of directors of the federal Public Planning Service for Social Integration
* Alexandre Lesiw, Director-General
* Michèle Brouet, Head of the Inspection service
* Melanie Pool, Jurist, Legal service
* Evy Van Zeebroeck, Jurist, Legal service
* Josée Goris, Senior policy officer
* Evelyne Wittke, Policy assistant

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|  |  | Taxi transfer to the local center for public welfare of Saint-GillesLunch (1,5 hour) |  |
|  | 6/12/2017 | **Field visit 3:**  **Field visit to the local center for public welfare of Saint-Gilles**Time: 14.30 – 17.00Organization: **The federal Public Planning Service for Social Integration in cooperation with the local center for public welfare of Saint-Gilles (municipality in Brussels)*** **Coordination of social services**
* **Participatory approach and collaboration with the private sector**
	+ **Participation in a cooking workshop with the service users**
* **Structure and financing of the local center**

Lecturers and position: Mathieu Roper, Secretary of the Public Center for Social ActionMyrrhine Kulcsar, Director of the coordination of the social actionSeverine Lacomte, Social Worker at the “Espace Ressource”Mélissa Tilquin, Coordinator in the field of Overindebtedness and Energy Didier Van Den Heurck, Head of the Finance DepartmentAddress: Rue Fernand Bernierstraat, 40 – 1060 Bruxelles  | Brussels |
|  |  | Taxi transfer to the hotel (luggage pick-up) and then to Brussels airport |  |