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**中国-欧盟社会保护改革项目**

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## I EuropeAid Project “EU-China Social Protection Reform”

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The European Commission and the Government of China have formulated the “EU-China Social Protection Reform Project”, a new cooperation initiative aimed at promoting social equity and inclusiveness of economic development throughout Chinese society – as well as cooperation and dialogue between the EU and China in the same field.

The Commission has envisaged to implement the action through a grant contract with a consortium of specialized public authorities and mandated bodies of the EU Member States in the area of social protection.

## I Project Description

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The overall objective of the project as laid out in the Financing Agreement signed by the EU and the GoC is to support China in further developing social equity throughout its society.

The project’s purpose is to contribute to the improvement and inclusiveness of China’s social protection system through strengthening the institutional capability for developing policies, for implementing legal & regulatory frameworks and for supervising systems of social insurances, social assistance and financial management in the area of social security

## I Components

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The **project’s purpose** will be pursued through the following **three components**:

### Component 1

will support **National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC)** in strengthening institutional capacity for social protection policy development and reforms.

### Component 2

will support **Ministry of Finance (MoF)** in enhancing institutional capacity for financial management and supervision concerning social security funds.

### Component 3

will assist **Ministry of Civil Affairs (MoCA)** in improving of legal framework and policy enforcement of social assistance.

## I Consortium

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## I Leader of the Consortium

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### INPS

Istituto Nazionale della Previdenza Sociale

Italian Institute of Social security

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INPS, the National Social Security Institute is one of the greatest and most complex social security organisations in Europe. It manages almost the entire Italian social security with a budget whose size is second to the State's. Most employees from the public and private sector and free-lancers are insured by INPS. INPS's Tasks and internal organisation of INPS are regulated by legislation. Italy's social security system was established in 1898 with the creation of the Cassa nazionale di previdenza (national welfare fund), which dealt with social security for disabled and elderly workers.

The Institute created over a hundred years ago with the purpose to ensure workers against the risks of disability, old age and death has assumed over time an increasingly important role up to becoming the pillar of the national welfare System.

In 1919, invalidity and old-age insurance became compulsory and involved 12 million of workers. In 1933, it was named INPS, a self-management public law agency with legal personality. In 1989, the law on INPS reorganisation (Law 88 of 9 March 1989) was of particular importance in the process of transforming the institute into a modern service agency that introduces the criteria of economy and entrepreneurship, and financially separates assistance from social security.

In 2011, INPDAP (National social security institute for Public Administration employees) and ENPALS (National social security and assistance agency for workers of the show business) were abolished and on 31 March 2012, the competences of the two agencies were conveyed to INPS, so as to render public service more efficient and effective, thus ensuring that the citizens have one interlocutor for assistance and social security services.



## I Applicants and Co-applicants

### **ADECRI**

**Agence pour le Développement et la Coordination des Relations Internationales**  
**Agency for the Development and Coordination of International Relations**  
**France**



ADECRI is a non-profit organisation created in 1995 by the French National Social Security Funds to promote French international actions in the field of Social Protection and to provide an effective and reliable tool to enter into large-scale international programmes for the reform, development or reengineering of foreign Social Security systems.

The French Social Security system is multi-faceted and its various Funds offer a diverse and complementary range of skills and expertise. In this context, ADECRI has a pivotal role: to provide a comprehensive analysis of the problems encountered in foreign countries and to bring together teams of highly-qualified experts from all sectors of the French Social Protection system - Retirement, Health Insurance, Work Injuries and Professional Diseases, Family Policies, Social assistance, Unemployment insurance, among others. This consolidated approach enables the Member Institutions to identify and deal with problems that might otherwise be partially or imperfectly handled and to propose custom-made reform programmes.

ADECRI's Members can rely on a wide scope of professional resources and technical support. The Agency's inter-scheme and inter-branch structure also makes it the ideal associate for foreign Institutions seeking an overall introduction to the French system as a whole. Every year, ADECRI sends around the world an average of 80 experts, mainly working in the French Social Security institutions, to participate to the development or reform of Social Security systems.

ADECRI is recognised as a genuine research agency and is ranked as such by major national and international agencies among which the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the European Commission and the World Bank.

### **SPF**

**Service public fédéral Sécurité sociale**  
**Federale Overheidsdienst Sociale Zekerheid**  
**Föderalen Öffentlichen Dienstes Soziale Sicherheit**  
**Federal Public Service Social Security**  
**Belgium**



The Belgian Federal Public Service, represents also the following public institutions of social security involved in social protection: the National Pension Office, the Pension Office for the Public sector, the National Institute for Social Security of the Self-employed, the PPS Social Integration, anti-poverty Policy, Social Economy and Federal Urban Policy and Sigedis.

The Service offers expertise on the following themes :

The pension landscape in Belgium: missions of the National pension office (NPO), the National institute for the social security of the self-employed (NISSE), the Pension service of the public sector (PSPS) and Sigedis in Belgian 3-pillar system, including certain aspects (pension age and early retirement, bonus, assimilated periods, ...) of the current rules in the 3 schemes and their positive and negative consequences;

- Financing of the pension schemes, future challenges, including models for cost forecasts (estimation of the evolution of the financing costs on the basis of the current labour market data);
- Organisation of the PSSI around the Crossroads bank for social security (CBSS), focusing on the pension institutions;
- Problems and solutions resulting from the mobility of the active population with pension entitlements in various schemes;
- The ageing problem;
- Aspects of social inclusion, more specifically the fight against poverty among pensioners;
- Elements of government governance: managements contracts, management plans, data-quality control, management of irregularities, internal control, internal audit, prudential regulations;
- Communication and making information available via a multi-channel approach.



## FIIAPP

Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas  
International and Iberoamerican Foundation for Administration and Public Policy  
Spain



Fiiapp is a public organisation, which works in the sphere of international co-operation, in the field of strengthening public administrations in developing and transition countries. FIIAPP's mission is to promote governance processes: fostering administrations and public institutions that are democratic, efficient, and serve the public. Thus, FIIAPP contributes to the enhancement of democratic values and respect for human rights, as well as to the capacity building for formulation and implementation of policies that are effective in reducing poverty and discrimination, provided that they are fair and that they respect plurality and cultural diversity.

In addition, FIIAPP is the only institution of all EU Member States that is mandated body of the whole Spanish National Public Administration for the international project activities, managing over 280 projects and programmes in 50 different countries. (In this framework and with 150 professionals, FIIAPP mobilized last year 1500 experts around the world, managing an annual budget of nearly 30 million Euros.) The added value of FIIAPP's intervention in development projects in respect to donors (which provide resources), specialized sectors (which provide the expertise) or beneficiaries (development partners) is based on its comparative advantages such as the ability to manage, its contribution to methodology and its institutional support.

Aligned with the objectives of the major donors (mainly Spain and Europe), it raises funds and implements technical cooperation projects in any sector level where public action exists, mobilizing the necessary experts from the different public administrations (central, regional and local). The number, size and scope of the projects awarded by the European Commission to FIIAPP reflect a degree of institutional trust which culminated in FIIAPP obtaining an accreditation to execute delegated cooperation of the European Commission in 2011.

## Formez PA

Centro servizi, assistenza, studi e formazione per l'ammodernamento delle P.A.  
Centre of services, assistance, studies and training for PA Modernization  
Italy



Formez PA is the in-house Agency of the Italian Ministry for Public Administration (DFP) of the Council Presidency in charge of supporting all Italian central and local governments and authorities in implementing reforms of public sector and spread of administrative innovation; therefore Formez is fully involved in the design and implementation of public policies, including social protection. Formez PA supports regional and local administrations' institutional needs, and contributes inter alia to fostering the use of the resources deriving from National and European Funds by designing and implementing models and by training and informing civil servants.

Formez PA manages projects for capacity and institutional building for EUR 40 millions per year, mainly from European Social Funds, or Structural and Cohesion Fund. Formez PA operates at national and international level, with a leadership position in twinning projects (more than 60 EU projects won and implemented) has its headquarters in Rome and one branch in Cagliari, with a permanent staff of 400 people and a roster of over 1.000 consultants and lecturers. It carries out its activities in close connection with its shareholders (Prime Minister departments, regions and local administrations). It has managed international grants and projects for over EUR 180 millions since 2001.

During past five years Formez has developed agreements and activities with the Chinese Central Communist Party, with Chinese Schools of Administration (Beijing, Shanghai, Anhui and other) and SAFEA (State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs), implementing training for more than 15 Chinese delegations.

## **Ministerio de Empleo y Seguridad Social** **The Spanish Ministry of Employment and Social Security** **Spain**



The Spanish Ministry of Employment and Social Security is the government department responsible for devising and implementing labour and social policy. It has a relevant role in regulatory tasks, planning social and employment policy, managing the social security system and coordinating the various bodies responsible for labour administration. The Ministry was preceded by various administrative bodies set up at the beginning of the century (in particular, the Institute of Social Reform and National Institute of Social Insurance) and was founded in the 1920s; since then it has, under various names, always been part of the state administration, constituting the nucleus of labour administration.

The management of the Social Security System is assigned to, among others:

- The Secretariat of State of Employment. It deals with the issues related to employment policy, job creation, developing and monitoring.
- The Secretary General of Emigration and Immigration. It is responsible for the migration policy which includes integration of immigrant's policy, and Spanish citizenship abroad.
- The Under-secretariat. This unit is in charge of coordinating the entire department, as well as preparing documentation for Cabinet debates, it has an horizontal approach of the Department policies and regulations.

The Ministry has relevant experience in social security international relations, as for example, the wide number of bilateral Social Security Conventions. Since 2012, this Ministry has a fluent relation with the Chinese Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security and is negotiating the Agreement on Social Security between the Kingdom of Spain and the People's Republic of China.

## **Ministerul Muncii, Familiei și Protecției Sociale** **Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Protection and Elderly** **Romania**



The Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Protection and Elderly (MoLFSPE) is a specialized public institution within the central public administration, subordinated to the Government, which coordinates the application of the strategy and policies of the Government of Romania in the fields of labour, family, social protection and elderly, according to the applicable legislation. MoLFSPE is also a Managing Authority responsible for the administration of EU funding within the Sectoral Operational Programme for the Development of Human Resources (SOPHRD).

MoLFSPE has the purpose of drafting and implementing the legal framework necessary for ensuring a positive and dynamic interaction of the social and employment policies, in order to improve the quality of the life of all citizens, ensure social cohesion, equal opportunities between women and men and reduction of poverty rate and the risk of social exclusion, through a qualitative social assistance system, equitable and accessible for all citizens.

The Social Assistance System through its components – social assistance benefits (financial transfers) and social services, has the scope of ensuring protection for poor and vulnerable persons. The accuracy in identifying and targeting the most vulnerable persons, eligible for social assistance benefits, has been continuously improved since 2010, through the legislative framework enhancement and the implementation of the Project for the modernization of social assistance system in Romania, with the support of World Bank experts.

A comprehensive reform of the social assistance system is ongoing. The Strategy of the Government in this field, sets the ground for the reform, based on clear results, regarding the equity and efficiency.

The Ministry of Labour and Social Policy is responsible for social security, employment and work and family affairs. The scope of activities of the Ministry is very broad: social assistance and integration, social insurance, employment and labour market, labour law, family benefits, public benefit, working conditions, social dialogue, disabled people, elderly persons, European Social Fund and others.

### **International experience**

During the European Year for Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity, in August 2012, Poland adopted the Government Programme for Social Participation of Senior Citizens 2012-2013, coordinated by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy. The main objective of the program is to improve the quality of life of older people for dignified ageing through social activity. From 2012 the project "The legal, financial and administrative framework of support system for people with disabilities - examples of good practice" is held by the Ministry in cooperation with the counterpart Ministry of the Republic of Georgia. Project activities include primarily social and vocational rehabilitation of people with disabilities. Further cooperation will be continued in the framework of the project aid in 2014.

### **Cooperation with China**

On September 24th, 2013 the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Poland signed the Memorandum of Understanding on the cooperation in the field of social welfare with the Ministry of Civil Affairs of the People's Republic of China. The objective of the MoU is to promote, develop and facilitate cooperation between the Parties in the field of social welfare, in particular concerning elderly persons, children and disabled people.



## I Associated

**MPSV**

**Ministerstvo práce a sociálních věcí**  
**Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs**  
**Czech Republic**



The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MoLSA) was established in 1990. It is a central government authority responsible for social security, social inclusion, employment and labour market policy, family policy as well as equal opportunities of men and women. The activities of MoLSA are focused on the areas of social insurance, non-contributory social benefits, social inclusion and integration, social services, persons with disabilities, labour law, active employment policy, working conditions, labour migration, family issue, social dialogue, the elderly, European Social Fund, gender equality and others. MoLSA provides methodological guidance for Labour Offices, Czech Social Security Administration, State Labour Inspection Office, Regional Labour Inspectorates and for the Office for International Legal Protection of Children. MoLSA supervises three Government-funded organizations: the Research Institute for Labour and Social Affairs, the Institute for Occupational Safety Education and the Occupational Safety Research Institute.

### **Cooperation with China**

In 2005, bilateral cooperation between the MoLSA and the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the People's Republic of China (today the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security) was commenced. In December 2005, the Ministers signed a Memorandum of Understanding which formed the basis of cooperation. The expert cooperation mainly focused on the area of social security. The MoLSA also hosted numerous delegations from various provinces of China. The meeting mostly focused on the social insurance schemes. In 2012, the MoLSA commenced negotiation on bilateral Social Security Agreement with the Chinese Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security.

**SNA**

**Scuola Nazionale dell'Amministrazione**  
**National School of Administration**  
**Italy**



The Italian National School for Administration, established in 1957, is the higher education and research institution supervised by the office of the Prime Minister. Its purpose is to train the Italian civil servants, to support and develop innovation in the reform process of the Italian Public Administration. The mission of the SSPA is to provide excellence in postgraduate-level education for civil servants, to improve Public Sector efficiency and to foster the competitiveness of the Italian economy. Training courses provided by the SSPA cover the civil servants' entire career cycle: preparatory courses for the competitive entrance examination, courses for the successful candidates, ongoing education and training, career development courses and refresher courses.

The tasks of the SSPA include:

- Selection and recruiting central Government managers;
- Running training courses for the Central Government's civil servants on ongoing innovations and reforms;
- Research, analysis and documentation on training for the reform and innovation of the civil service;
- Organizing training courses for senior civil servants abroad;
- Providing training and refresher courses, under government contracts, for civil servants and other public sector employees outside of the Central Government, for public service-providers and other institutions and private corporations;
- Research, analysis and consultancy services on methodologies and criteria for the assessment of training courses supplied to the civil service by public and private providers;
- Developing relations with similar agencies and training establishment in third countries.



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