



Brussels, 4 December 2019

**“InvestEU and the Economy of Well-being:
making the most of local know-how”**

hosted by Mr Alfred Sant (S&D, MA)

4th December, 14h30-16h30

European Parliament, Brussels, ASP A1G2

I. Context

Mr Alfred Sant, Member of the European Parliament and the Steering Board for Social Infrastructure investment wish to invite you to the upcoming European Parliament Seminar on “InvestEU & the Economy of Well-being: making the most of local know-how”, taking place on the 4th December 2019 in the European Parliament, Brussels.

The Steering Board for Social Infrastructure Investment brings together the main representatives of the social services, health, education, social and affordable housing and ageing sectors at European level. Together, we represent thousands of both public and private organisations providing services which enable millions of people in Europe to access their human and social rights, to live healthier, to be empowered and to live in dignity, as well as the largest European network of organisations of and for older persons. In short, we bring together the organisations which make the “[Economy of Well-being](#)” a reality for all.

Many of these services require investment to help deliver more and better services across the continent. InvestEU thus comes as an opportunity to boost both public and private investment into quality social projects. Whilst the general orientation of the proposed InvestEU program is a significant improvement on the European Fund for Strategic Investments, more work is needed to ensure the InvestEU’s implementation meets the real demand from project promoters, active in the social field. In other words, it is crucial to boost the capacity of the social, health, education and housing sectors to develop both InvestEU-friendly & high quality projects.

This Joint Event will bring together policy-makers, public & private investors and the social sectors to discuss concrete plans for ensuring there is sufficient support for the development and financing of quality local social projects via InvestEU



II. Final Programme

Welcoming Remarks

- Mr Alfred Sant, Member of the European Parliament
- Mr Luk Zelderloo, Secretary General, European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD)

Panel 1 - Practical implementation of InvestEU's Social Investment & Skills Window

Moderated by Ms Brikena Xhomaqi, Director, Lifelong Learning Platform

- Ms Kerstin Jorna, Deputy Director General, DG Economic & Financial Affairs, European Commission
- Mr José Manuel Fernandes, Member of the European Parliament
- Mr Helmut von Glasenapp, Secretary General, European Long Term Investors association
- Ms Caroline Costongs, Director, Eurohealthnet

Q&A with participants

Panel 2 – InvestEU & Capacity-Building for local project promoters

Moderated by Mr Alfonso Lara Montero, CEO, European Social Network

- Ms Katerina Ivankovic Knezevic, Director, DG Employment and Social Affairs, European Commission
- Ms Emily Smith, Head of Unit, Financial Advisory Services, European Investment Bank
- Mr Julien Dijol, Policy Director & Deputy Secretary General, Housing Europe

Q&A with participants

Concluding Recommendations

- Mr Thomas Bignal, Policy Advisor, EASPD

Final Remarks

- Mr Alfred Sant, MEP
- Mr Luk Zelderloo, Secretary General EASPD

