



Création d'un espace Européen
pour la Médiation pour l'inclusion sociale

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CreE.A project aims to create a European space for mediation for social inclusion.

I. THE MEDIATION FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

It refers to the recommendation formulated by 42 experts met at the Seminar of Créteil (France) in September 2000. It includes a definition seen as a common frame of reference for the project:

Social mediation is defined as a process of creation and reparation of the social bond and the resolution of conflicts in daily life, in which an impartial and independent third party attempts, through the organization of exchanges between people or institutions, to improve a relationship or to settle a conflict that has divided them.

Other practices have been developed, sometimes under the term of social mediation, pursuing same goals, also using the intervention of a third party, but without fulfilling the conditions of his/her impartiality or independence. These practices deserve to be included nevertheless in a wider consideration of the nature of social mediation.

The term of social inclusion is used to reinforce the purpose of the diverse forms of social mediation: that of building or re-building social bonds between individuals and between citizens and institutions.

Social mediation implements a political vision of the participation of all in the construction of life in common. It is based on communication, dialogue and intercomprehension, and not only on norm and law. It is based on values: openness to the Other, diversity and confidence in people's ability to overcome their own interests. It promotes a culture of welcome, dialogue and encounter. It corresponds to a third party posture offering spaces of welcome, encounter and trust, allowing, beyond the positive resolution of conflicts, to build the social bond.

Social mediation can thus be situated in different contexts: neighborhoods, schools, transport, and city boroughs, in order to implement these general principles.

II. THE EUROPEAN SPACE

The CreE.A project aims to create a European space of social mediation.

It corresponds to a collective learning space which brings together and develops the sharing of practices and experience, consolidates the ethical and professional profiles of the practitioners and promotes study and research in the field of social mediation.

It thus constitutes a space for exchange, communication and dialogue between all involved actors: social mediation professionals, researchers, trainers and academics, territorial and national institutions.

In its own practice, it implements social mediation values: welcoming and embracing fully the diversity of practices and forms social mediation takes.

It aims at promoting social mediation, which works for social inclusion, for adoption by institutions at national and European level.

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