



Association of Clinical Psychologists

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Type of organisation:

SME Training
 School No Profit
 University NGO
 Public Authority

Other (Specify)

Fields of action :

SMEs Equal opportunities
 Youth Schools
 Universities Unemployed
 Public Authorities

Other (Specify) Healthcare Professionals

Description of the organisation

Asociace klinických psychologů České republiky, z.s. (a.k.a. AKP ČR) is a professional organization whose main aim is to support the professional interests of clinical psychologists and to develop the field of clinical psychology. We work together with the government, public authorities and health insurance companies on mental health policy. As an organization, we are linked to universities, the Institute for Postgraduate Medical Education and vocational psychotherapeutic training through our members. We have procedures in place to communicate effectively with members of the association and the public, enabling us to spread knowledge quickly, directly and professionally to a large number of people. We are also connected to hospitals and psychological clinics and other healthcare professional organizations in which we can support the application of knowledge in practice.

Experience of the organization in previous European projects

Until now we have no experience in European projects.

Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area

AKP ČR has 30 years of experience in organizing courses for clinical psychologists, providing accreditation and promoting and supporting new directions in the development of psychological knowledge. Every year we organize conferences and seminars on various professional topics. We pay attention to ethical application of new knowledge and adherence to the code of ethics in working with clients and patients.

Contributions that can be provided to the project

In the field of psychological early interventions we would like to organize professional conferences and courses where experience can be shared, developed and supported. We will publish the outputs regularly at web services and social networking organizations. We will create an online database of methodological procedures and tools.

Reasons of involvement in the project

Czechia has no systematic education within the framework of psychological early interventions. This field is only partially developed in universities and psychotherapeutic training schools. There are only rare courses and few books. We need to strengthen accessibility and expertise in the field, which can increase the professionalism of care provided by psychologists and other healthcare professionals. The aim is to professionalize psychologists within the integrated rescue system and to create a wider network of healthcare specialists for disaster situations. We would like to expand teaching of psychological early interventions to education within universities and psychotherapeutic training schools and support its application. We would like to introduce psychological early interventions into the lifelong education of clinical psychologists.

Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

See in attachments.