



EPCD

Agreement Concerning the European Partnership for Clubhouse Development



The International Centre for Clubhouse Development (ICCD), the Finnish government agency National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health (STAKES), ICCD Certified Training Bases in Europe, European Clubhouse Coalitions and some independent Clubhouses have agreed on the formation of an open European Partnership for Clubhouse Development (EPCD) to promote the Clubhouse movement in Europe and for the continuous development of different components of the Clubhouse model.



The main purpose of the EPCD is to promote the continuous development and dissemination of the Clubhouse model in Europe, as it is defined in the International Standards for Clubhouse Programmes.

EPCD Purpose and Goals

Agreement on the European Clubhouse Development

The Roles of the Partnership Members

The role of ICCD as to the implementation of this agreement is

- functioning as the global leader and coordinator of Clubhouse development, training and quality assurance world wide;
- organising international support to different components of clubhouse development, and
- setting up a special Advisory Council / Advisory Expert Group for this partnership to coordinate the Clubhouse development and other ICCD activities in Europe.

The roles of the other organisations will be

- to organise planning and other preparations aiming at the European funding for the clubhouse development activities in EU Member States and, if possible, in other parts of Europe;
- build-up alliances with the European key stakeholders in the field of mental health policy-making to support the clubhouse development and other ICCD training and Quality Assurance activities in Europe;

Possible Programmes of the European Union

Since the year 2007 major part of the European Union Programmes are starting their new periods of funding up to 5–7 years ahead, e.g.

- Lifelong Learning Programme 2007–2013
- European Social Fund Programme 2007–2013
- Other Structural Fund's Programmes 2007–2013
- Public Health Programme 2008–2013
- 7th Framework Programme 2007–2013

All funding possibilities based on the above mentioned programmes will be studied and, if possible, used for the Clubhouse development in Europe.

STAKES is the main responsible organisation to study the possibilities and prepare the plans and funding applications for new projects on behalf of and in cooperation with the EPCD.

The overall goals of this cooperation will be

to improve the social inclusion, educational and labour market integration and participation of people with mental illness and psychosocial problems in Europe,

to increase opportunities of mental health service users and ex-users in European Countries to participate in the empowering and supportive Clubhouse communities as defined above,

to strengthen and extend the ICCD's network and operations with European Clubhouses and other stakeholders of Clubhouse development in Europe,

to promote and coordinate the European research of the Clubhouse model and collect the results of the research for the international dissemination.

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Other Relevant Issues

The parties are united in a commitment to develop and manage a co-operative partnership with European ICCD member Clubhouses and organizations recognized by ICCD as committed to the International Standards for Clubhouse Programs.

Participation by Clubhouse members is an integral and necessary part of the Partnership.

Period of Validity

This agreement is valid from the date of signatures (19th March 2007) until the end of December 2010. The extension of the period of validity shall be agreed on separately.

This agreement may be amended by common agreement of the parties.

The Enlargement of the Partnership

Any European Clubhouse or a future Coalition of Clubhouses have right to join this European Partnership for Clubhouse Development by signing this agreement.

STAKES will be the organisation taking care of the management of this European agreement. Any initiative for joining this agreement or resigning from it shall be done to STAKES.



EPCD MEMBERS

The establishment meeting of the European Partnership for Clubhouse Development was held in Stockholm, March 19, 2007.



EPCD agreement was signed by the following organisations:

ICCD – International Centre for Clubhouse Development ● United States
STAKES – National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health ● Finland
Danish Clubhouse Coalition ● Denmark
Swedish Coalition ● Sweden
Finnish Clubhouse Coalition ● Finland
German speaking Clubhouse Coalition, Clubhaus Schwalbenest & Clubhaus Lichtblick ● Germany
Scottish Coalition, Caledonia Clubhouse ● Scotland
Helsingin Klubitälo, ICCD training Base ● Finland
Mosaic Clubhouse London, ICCD training Base ● United Kingdom
Fontänhuset Malmö, ICCD training Base ● Sweden
Fountain House Stockholm ● Sweden
Fontenehuset Oslo ● Norway
Geysir Clubhouse ● Iceland



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