

EAS – Supervision and Coaching in Europe

Supervision in the Czech Republic

Also in the Czech Republic supervision is increasingly used as a professional approach to counselling. The European Social Fund has subsidized a project on the integration of supervision in the training of social workers. The Czech Institute for Supervision (CIS), EAS member, was involved and held a conference on "Supervision in Social Services". Veronica Cermáková, Supervisor (EAS), reports:

Czech Institute for Supervision (CIS) organized a Conference on "Supervision in Social Services". The conference took place in Kralupy from 29th November to 1st December 2007.

CIS referred about a two years lasting project "Verification of the Model of Education of the Social Workers by the form of Supervision", co-financed by the European Social Funds and the State Budget of the Czech Republic. The project has provided supervision for 314 social workers from the Regional Social Offices. The supervision in social services is very topical theme. In the today Czech Republic, especially due to a new law norm which contents the duty of supervised practice in the social services. Its aim is to increase the quality of the social care, to prevent from the burn-out syndrome, to enable professional and personal growth of the social workers, to increase the number of possible "views" on the solutions of social "cases" and to accent the reflection of the processes and relationships. Except for the results of the project and the general discussion about the situation of supervision in the social sphere, other themes were presented at the Conference: supervision in the work with refugees, supervision in religious services, in social institutes and school, "What is supervisor responsible for?", "What happens after the supervision meeting", etc.

The participants represented a wide scale, from users and orderer over students of supervision to supervisors themselves. The conference was reflected as a widely open and a useful space for the meeting and discussions. Veronica Cermáková