





"Social Inequalities in Europe"

Date: Friday, 20 June 2014

In the frame of the Greek Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Directorate General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission together with the General Secretariat for Research and Technology/Greece are co-organizing an event on **«Social inequalities in Europe»** to be held on **Friday, 20 June 2014** in the **Auditorium of the Acropolis Museum** in Athens.

Social inequalities have increased through the current economic crisis and they pose a considerable threat to social cohesion. Rising unemployment, unequal access to education and health care, increasing poverty are some of the elements, among others, that will have farreaching consequences on society wellbeing. The phenomenon of inequalities also raises tough questions on how our political systems at national and European level are able to reduce inequalities and improve social cohesion according to a European Social Model.

The event "Social Inequalities in Europe" presenting and building on evidence, findings and conclusions provided by FP7 research projects, will also debate on the social and political implications of rising inequalities opening the path towards new research and policy scenarios.

In particular, presentations will elaborate on inequalities in the following sectors:

- Employment, income, wealth
- Health care
- Education
- Life satisfaction
- > Gender
- Children's rights

Representatives from the political leadership of the country, the European Commission and members of the European academic community will address the social inequalities issue. All sessions (in English language) are open for interested parties coming from the Greek academic and research community, political organizations and NGO's that are facing the challenges of social inequalities on a daily basis.

Organisers:

- General Secretariat for Research and Technology/GSRT of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs <u>http://www.gsrt.gr/central.aspx?sld=119I428I1089I323I488743</u>
- DG Research and Innovation of the European Commission <u>http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/index.cfm</u>

Host organisations:

- > National Center for Social Research (EKKE) <u>http://www.ekke.gr/</u>
- Panteion University <u>http://www.panteion.gr/</u>

More info: <u>http://www.gsrt.gr/inequalities/index.html</u>



