



CEKAS received a new four-year project from the Danish THE VELUX FOUNDATIONS: “3S-Skilled-Specialized-Social Workers” or “Introducing a New Skills Training System at 3 Higher Education Institutions in the Czech Republic” (3 Higher Educational Institutions in the Czech Republic). The project focuses on vocational training in the field of social work and will start on January 1, 2020.

The aim of the project is to develop and implement a system of professional specialization education in social work at the follow-up master's degree program, to develop a specific form of practical training in individual specializations, to conduct their pilot testing and to apply for accreditation of individual specializations through cooperating universities. Part of the project is direct cooperation with employers in determining and verifying the necessary practical skills of graduates in defined type jobs. The project also includes a survey aimed at examining the professional identity of future social workers. We expect that skills-oriented specialization significantly reinforces this identification, and manage increase of the quality and prestige of social work activities and the potential of social workers in relation to their employers.

The development of specializations envisages close multilevel cooperation with students and the use of mobility activities as a tool for vocational training.

The project is intended as a model - it will be piloted at 3 selected universities (Charles University in Prague, Palacký University in Olomouc, University of Hradec Králové).

The main activities that we will implement:

ACTIVITY 1: A system of skill-oriented vocational training based on the development and piloting of specializations and the examination of professional identity

SubA1: Development of field specializations at participating universities

SubA2: A system of practices based on the development and piloting of specializations and defined professional identity

ACTIVITY 2: Professionalization of social work - shaping the professional identity of a social worker

ACTIVITY 3: Exchange of good practices between students and teachers of selected Czech and foreign universities