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**International Professional Exchange Programme (PEP)**

from April 10th – April 27th, 2018

This programme combines practical and theoretical training about the social and cultural environment of Austria. The goals are: (1) to promote professional, cultural and educational exchange for social workers and professionals working in human services. (2) to provide a cross-cultural exchange as participants come from different countries.

- **GENERAL PROGRAMME - for all participants** (in Vienna, one weekend will be in the country side)
  - Introduction to Austria and the social system
  - Field visits to:
    - Social welfare office
    - Member of Parliament
    - Austrian Association of Social Workers
    - Various counselling centres
  - Regular meetings, evaluation

- **INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMME – governmental and non-governmental organisations**
  - (mainly in Vienna, maybe a few days in the province)
  - The individual programme (mainly agency visits) is tailored to the professional background of every participant. Usually there are two appointments every day.
  - The programme is in close cooperation with **THE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES**, Department for Social Work ([www.fh-campuswien.ac.at](http://www.fh-campuswien.ac.at)). There will be lectures on social work, social policy and the social system in Austria. Participants will also meet students during various events.

- **LANGUAGE**: English

- **FINANCIAL CONDITIONS**: there is **no registration fee** for Austria. Participants pay their travel expenses from their country to Vienna and back.

- **SUPPORT**: Domestic travel and room and board (host families) within Austria.

- **NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS**: 6 persons

- **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION**: Dec. 1st, 2017, application should go through the national branch. ([www.cifinternational.com](http://www.cifinternational.com)), if there is no branch or CIF contact person in your country, please contact CIF Austria directly.