

# Main Issues Discussed/Lessons

# Targeting and Universalism

Different types, different contexts

Bridges between universal services, try to add that extra bit to universal services to make them function better

Important to develop targeting with close reference to universalism (risk of stigmatisation, plus tie in the middle and upper classes)

Also in terms of groups and populations sectors, there was an issue about how narrow we should go in targeting

# Localism and a spatial approach

- The neighborhood policies (a strong collective sense) that exist
- The importance of housing being part of social policies
- Public services as employers and facilitators

# Child Poverty

- The relative success of the Nordic welfare model in this regard
- Whether in some countries we are back to basics again (e.g. re food and shelter and basic needs) and the 'level differences' there are among countries
- Child as beneficiary of services was interesting – also the question of children's rights (e.g., to kindergartens)
- Youth poverty not really discussed that much

# Sustainability

- Have to think of this in complex terms (financial sustainability and institutional sustainability)
- Also though the sustainability of the existing systems (not just new initiatives)
- Important tools for sustainability (evidence is one essential element, diversification (in service provision and funder), cross-sectoral initiatives, existing structures (and those who operate them) have to change

# Engagement of the most vulnerable

- Importance of this generally agreed although meaning of engagement varies
- Raising awareness, consultation about service needs, service performance
- Different methods/forms of engagement

# Not Discussed Much

- The current climate:
- Major change in social security systems: decentralization/centralization , movement towards benefits in kind, disinvestment, the gap between rhetoric and reality, EU social policy climate
- Matters of funding, administration and delivery
- How to think about the sustainability/continuity existing systems (actors) are needed/possible?