

Defending universal, affordable accessible quality social services: From a moral, social and economic perspective

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Moral and social arguments

- Human dignity, values and potential
 - Social cohesion
 - Social justice, fair burden sharing
- Build social value
- Alliances for public opinion, media?
 - local participatory fora?
- Measure social value
- Develop the methods, research community?



Economic arguments

- Services equip people for labour market
 - Loss of economic contribution
 - Cost of impact of health inequality
 - Cost displacement
 - Internally and long term
- Research and publicise + & - economic impact and contribution
- Alliances with local authorities?



Defending quality services

- Quality = effective; specificities
 - User participation & empowerment
- ◆ Build understanding
 - EU voluntary quality framework
- ◆ Build motivation; the evidence base
 - EU projects, social innovation
- ◆ Ensure flexible financing
 - Change public procurement, state aid rules, ESF



Thank you for your attention!

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