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During Slovak Focus Week, we prepared the national meeting of families at risk of poverty and roundtable of Slovak, Czech, Polish and Hungarian experts. Memorandum of European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion was delivered by Hungarian representative HAPN Attila Mester and signed by Slovak and Czech representatives. Zuzana Kusa, the Chairman of SAPN will deliver the Memorandum to representatives of Iceland in Brussels.

Social Housing or how to take care about families in need was the main theme of the meeting.

**Summary and conclusions:**

Case studies provided by clients of crisis intervention providers pointed to the fact that different types of crisis intervention services are specialized according to target groups of individuals and families at risk of social exclusion. The issue is that they are not sufficiently differentiated in area of expected results of their work and appropriate working practices. As a result of this the client moves from one service to another not in the ascending spiral, but in a circle, that means that he remains at risk.

This fact was not disproved by crisis intervention providers. Social Services Act of Slovak Republic in comparison with Czech Republic **does not require solving social inclusion** of vulnerable groups, but **only ensure conditions necessary to meet client's basic living needs**.

The problem is, whether the residential social services are part of social housing, or housing for low-income groups or not.

Social housing in Slovak Republic is not codified and therefore not systematically supported.