## Transnational exchange projects are getting started

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A first round of transnational exchange projects has been selected within the new European Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity (PROGRESS). Based on the good experience of one of the former programmes, the European Commission supports European projects that exchange and implement good practice to fight against poverty and social exclusion.

Transnational exchange projects are activities in which partners exchange policies, good practice and innovative approaches. The objective is to promote mutual learning in the context of social protection and inclusion strategy amongst the European countries. One of the co-funded actions is the "European Cities against Child Poverty" project, led by Greater London Enterprise. The project aims at encouraging exchange on initiatives and policies designed to reduce child poverty among local authorities. "Building inclusion", run under the leadership of the Spanish ministry of Employment and Social Affairs, seeks to exchange experiences and results in the field of social protection and to provide access to housing policies developed by different Member States (at national, regional and local level). The intention is to improve inclusion and integration of vulnerable groups such as immigrants, ethnic minorities, citizens from countries in transition, etc. More information about this two initiatives and further projects is available online.

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