IS1102 – SO.S. COHESION. Social services, welfare state and places

## WG2 Case study profile

| WG2 Thematic group   | WG2.5. Restructuring of social services in general   |
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| Title of case study (and priority ranking)   | Social medical centers of solidarity in turbulent times  |
| Country/region/place investigated  | Greece (mostly Attika and Thessaloniki)  |
| <ul> <li>Social service sector(s) investigated</li> <li>Older people</li> <li>People with disabilities</li> <li>Children/Childcare</li> <li>Services in social assistance</li> <li>Housing and neighbourhood</li> <li>Restructuring of ss in general</li> <li>Other</li> </ul> | Health and social care services to uninsured persons   |
| Category of case study ('what' is<br>investigated)<br>• Project/initiative/experience (micro-level)<br>• Actor(s)<br>• Place (s)   | The experience of social medical centres in Greece (micro level)   |
| Time frame considered (from when to when)  | February 2013-December 2014  |
| Five 'perspectives' <ul> <li>Governance</li> <li>Social and/or territorial cohesion</li> </ul>   | Governance in the delivery ofhealth and social care services. The<br>spectrum of services (universality vs conditionality) in conjuction<br>with the driving agents behind the formation of social medical<br>centres. |
| <ul> <li>Three processes in restructuring + crisis</li> <li>Cuts/rationalization/management reforms<br/>(NPM, others)</li> </ul>   | The development of social medical centers is a response to cuts in public funding of health and social care sectors, they are based on volunteer labour and they are situated in public buildings.                     |
| Specific questions/focus   | To what extent these experieneces contitute social innovations or<br>substitutes for the decreased public sector spending?   |
| Local Stakeholder Network (LSN)  | NO   |

