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### **Sustainable Innovation in Social Work Practice: Challenge and Possibility** **Definition of Outline**

A modern society, involving change tendencies such as formation of the digital society, growing migration, social demographical structure, etc, poses new challenges for social work practice. A rapidly changing socioeconomical, cultural and other conditions trigger new demands for high competences of social sphere professionals according to the mentioned tendencies. Micro and macro challenges for social sphere professionals are highlighted as well. Meanwhile globalisation which can itself be understood as a change or social transformations raises new possibilities involving innovation as a problem solution (Gallouj F., Djellal F., 2002, Majer, H., 2005, Gudauskas R., 2005, etc.) and demands new social professional knowledge, capabilities, skills. Getting more modern daily, our society provokes social workers to deal with the unique situation promoting innovation development in the social work practice. In the cohesion of the environmental, social and economical systems, the sustainable innovation in the social work practice is becoming obvious. It enables social sphere professionals to positively cope with nowadays challenges evaluating the imperative – necessity of the analyses of the social work practice taking into consideration the context of the social, economical, policy and other transformations. A comprehensive analysis of social work cases in corresponding contexts discloses the cohesion among them being particularly specific so that stereotypical decisions would become unprofessional as they would not apply the situation and harm the logic of sustainability to certain in social work. It is sustainable innovation which is interpreted in sundry ways.

As far as sustainable development in the social work practices is concerned, the aspect of innovation is assumed by the imperative of new possibilities and challenges. Therefore, the aim of the present work is to define the reasoning outline of challenges and possibilities of sustainable innovation in the social work process. The object is the aspect of challenge and possibility of sustainable innovation in social work. The key methods are the following: the analysis of scientific literature and modeling.

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