



## Conference Programme

# Inclusive teaching programmes: Let's develop it together!

**Venue:** St-Virgil Salzburg conference centre, Ernst-Grein-Straße 14, 5026 Salzburg, Austria

## Conference objectives in a nutshell

Inclusive education is the cornerstone to develop a more inclusive society. There is an increased awareness both of the educational potential and the citizen's rights dimension of inclusive education. There have been changes in educational, youth welfare and social laws to support learners with special educational needs to be educated in inclusive settings.



However, there are still fundamental barriers to inclusive education. EASPD, in cooperation with the Pädagogische Hochschule Salzburg and the EU funded projects INVESTT, TIDE, EQF meets ECVET, and ALDO, is organising this conference which aims at bringing practical examples on how to develop inclusive teaching programmes.

## A selection of best practices

From e-learning, learning outcomes units to universal design and tailor-made programmes... a wide variety of elements will be presented to enrich every learning environment. Four different EU funded projects will bring their final results and will share best practices and key factors for a successful implementation of article 24 of the UN CRPD.

## A wide range of stakeholders

Because it is better to do things together! Stakeholder cooperation and cross-fertilisation is a key aspect to achieve the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the different education settings. This conference will bring together service providers, public authorities, academics, staff from educational organisations and persons with disabilities.

## A set of recommendations

There is much to be done. Strategic investment is all the more important in the current economic scenario. Inclusive lifelong learning is not only a right, but is also crucial to achieve growth and jobs, social inclusion and active citizenship. The outcomes of the conference will undoubtedly contribute to the promotion of positive attitudes towards inclusion.

## Make your own programme !

The conference programme has been developed with a universal design, and participants will build their own schedule based on their preferences and needs. Parallel to the plenary sessions and keynote speakers, seventeen interactive workshops are organized where concrete best practices are presented. Most of these workshops will be repeated four times so no one can miss it!

## Join us

Join EASPD's working groups on Wednesday evening and Saturday morning to look for concrete cooperation opportunities.

*This conference will be a great opportunity to assess where inclusive education stands in Europe, and for everyone to select the elements that would fit best and enrich to their own learning environment.*



## Programme of the conference

Sign interpretation in German and real-time transcription in English will be provided in the plenary room

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

**Moderator** : Rene Wyndham

- 9h00 – 10h15** Welcome & Introduction
- **Franz Wolfmayr**, President of EASPD
  - **Representative of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education and Women's Affairs**
  - **Maria-Luisa Cabral**, Head of Unit for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, European Commission (tbc)
  - **Rene Wyndham**
- 10h15 – 11h00** **Peder Haug**, Professor of education, Volda University College, Norway  
"State of play of inclusive education in Europe"
- 11h00 – 11h30** *Coffee break*

- 11h30 – 13h00** **First panel : How to build on past experiences**
- **Timothy Ghilain**, Research & Development Officer at EASPD  
"Observatory of best practices for adults with learning disabilities"
  - **David O'Connor**, teacher at LMETB, Ireland,
  - **Siegfried Bachmayer**, deaf and hemiplegic doctorate student
  - **A representative of the city of Salzburg** (tbd)

#### Parallel sessions

- Qualification for Labour
- In someone else's shoes
- Current educational situation
- UDL – factor of success?
- Importance of development education
- VET4D : cooperative approach
- EQF meets ECVET
- European Credit System for VET
- Etc.

**13h00 – 14h00** *Lunch*

- 14h00 – 15h30** **Second panel : Learning outcomes units to highlight the strengths of the learner**
- **Marion Bock**, Project manager at ChanceB, Austria
  - **Marlies Krumböhmer**, German trainer in basic VET
  - **Melanie Biertempfel**, student with disabilities, Germany
  - **Karin Luomi-Messerer**, expert in European educational systems at 3s, Austria
  - **Karl Andrew Müllner**, NQF Coordination Point, Austria

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**15h30 – 16h00** *Coffee break*



16h00 – 17h30

**Third panel : supporting young adults with an intellectual disability to access development education**

- **James Crowe**, director of Learning Disability Wales
- Teacher's perspective
- **Gerraint Griffiths-Jone**
- **Gauthier De Beco**, Lecturer in Disability Law, University of Leeds

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19h30

Conference dinner

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

09h45 – 09h45

What have we learned, and where are we going today?

10h00 – 10h30

**Diane Richler**, senior policy advisor at the CACL, Canada, "Inclusive education in the UNCRPD and the concepts of Universal Design and Reasonable Accommodation"

10h30 – 11h00

Coffee break

11h00 – 12h30

**Fourth panel : developing teaching programmes with a universal design**

- **Stein Erik Ohna**, Professor in Education at the Stavanger University, Norway
- **Jurgen Willems**, teacher at the Scheppers Instituut, Belgium
- **A student with disabilities**, student with disabilities from the SOB, Austria
- **Michael Fembek**, Head of the Zero Project, Austria

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12h30 – 13h30

Lunch

13h30 – 15h00

**Policy panel : How to move forward on inclusive education in Europe?**

- **Luk Zelderloo**, Secretary General of EASPD
- **Donata Vivanti**, Vice-president of the European Disability Forum
- **Heinz Becker**, Austrian member of the European Parliament
- **Dimitrios Nikolsky**, Chair of the Committee of Experts on the rights of People with Disabilities of the Council of Europe
- **Carla Bonino**, incluD-ed coordinator, European Affairs Unit, Fundación ONCE

15h00 – 16h00

Conclusion of the conference and presentation of the EASPD declaration on inclusive education

- **Bernadette Grosyeux**, Chair of EASPD Standing Committee on Education



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## EASPD meetings

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

- 16h30 – 18h30**
- Executive Committee meeting of EASPD (closed meeting)
  - EASPD Interest Group on Early Intervention
  - EASPD Interest Group on Arts
  - EASPD Interest Group on Workforce Development
  - EASPD Interest Group on PCT

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

- 16h00 – 16h30** Coffee break
- 16h30 – 18h30** EASPD Board meeting (closed meeting)

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October

- 9h00 – 11h00**
- EASPD Standing Committee on Education
  - EASPD Standing Committee on Inclusive Living
  - EASPD Standing Committee on Employment
  - EASPD Policy Impact Group
- 11h00 – 11h30** Coffee break
- 11h30 – 13h30** EASPD General Assembly (closed meeting)



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