

## EASPD Webinar: Ensuring access to education during COVID-19

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 14h00-15h00 CEST, via Zoom**

### Context

In an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19, many governments have taken the step to close schools, forcing students to temporarily continue their education from home. To be able teachers to teach their students remotely, many schools and training establishments have utilised the opportunities of online platforms and digital learning tools.

Home schooling and the use of these online tools has brought new challenges to learners and their families, with the need for the additional support of parents (who may also have their own work obligations) and access to the appropriate resources, including computers and the internet. For many learners with disabilities, who do not always have access to an education in mainstream settings, the move to online learning brings with it additional barriers as well as opportunities.

This webinar will bring together support service providers, trainers and teachers to present and discuss:

- How education support services can adapt to meet the needs of learners and their families while home schooling.
- How support services can support learners and their families as schools begin to re-open within the confines of COVID-19 lockdown measures.
- The specific training needs of teachers to provide inclusive online schooling to learners with disabilities.
- The key actions that must be taken to ensure that online learning platforms are fully inclusive in the future.

### Programme

14h00	Welcome and Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Valerija Bužan</b>, Vice-President of EASPD</li> </ul>
14h05	Moderator: <b>Rachel Vaughan</b> , EASPD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NASO</b>, (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>Miguel Valles</b>, CECD Mira Sintra (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>Diakademie</b> (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>Timothy Ghilain</b>, EASPD</li> </ul>
14h40	Questions and Answers with Participants
14h55	Concluding Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rachel Vaughan</b>, EASPD</li> </ul>

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