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The ENTELIS Network has reached the halfway milestone of the project's lifetime. We would cordially invite you to the second annual symposium dedicated to digital skills for people with disabilities. The symposium will be held in the beautiful settings of the historic Dublin Castle, Dublin Ireland. More information can be found below.

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**!!!! SAFE THE DATE !!!!**

## **ENTELIS International Seminar on Reducing the digital divide: the role of Education**

**Thursday, 12 November 2015**

**Dublin Castle, Ireland**

Dame St, Dublin 2



New digital technologies are rapidly changing society, including the way people interact, the way they learn and work and the way they drive the economy. There are many reasons why persons with disabilities of all ages experience difficulties in using technology. A major barrier is related to the inaccessibility of products and services, including educational programs, basically because in their design phase universal design principles have not been taken fully into account. In other cases traditional products and services are not accessible because technology is not used to increase their accessibility allowing persons with disabilities to make the best possible use of them. When different user groups in society take differently benefit from the new opportunities offered by technology, we can speak of a digital divide.

The State of the Art report produced by the ENTELIS consortium clearly indicates that to bridge the digital divide barriers have to be removed and people have to be empowered. Change needs to occur solving some of the issues at the root and education is therefore key, whether this is the education of designers of products and services and their providers, as well as the education and training of persons with disabilities in using available solutions and services more effectively.

For that reason the ENTELIS annual symposium that will be held in **Dublin on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November** is dedicated **to the role of education in bridging the digital divide**, in close collaboration with the **Conference on Universal Design in Education** that will be held in the same venue as the second ENTELIS seminar. Participants of both events will have the possibility to access the other event and some sessions will be common to both events.

The specific focus of the ENTELIS network, user empowerment and ICT-AT training, neatly matches the specific focus of the Universal design in Education event, providing a holistic introduction to strategies and good practices in making the (digital) world a better place for all.

**Registrations will be open soon on [www.entelis.net](http://www.entelis.net).**

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### EASPD Interest Group on Person Centred Technologies 2015 Annual Training, Liverpool

On **November 24-25, 2015**, EASPD, a partner in the ENTELIS project, will hold its second training "Boost the Use of Person Technology in your Organisation". One of the major topics covered by the training is related to change & risk management. There will also be a workshop dedicated to project development. The training is open for all managers and staff of service providers and training centres. All information on the full programme and registration will be available soon on EASPD's website ([www.easpd.eu](http://www.easpd.eu)).

Registration fee : € 200.-/Central –Eastern Europe: € 50.-

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