



What's now and what's next? Practices and Policies in the Employment of People with a Disability

21 June 2021, 14.30-17.15 EEST (13.30-16.15 CET)
Online; Zoom

This webinar is co-organised by the European Platform for Rehabilitation (EPR) together with Rehabilitation International Finland (RIFI) in the context of EPR's National Awareness Raising Event (NARE) series. The aim of this event is to examine the state of play, developments and successes in both practice and policy supporting the employment of people with a disability. It will address initiatives at the European and national levels, examining the current and possible future impact and implementation of national and EU policies on practice and programmes.

Session 1 comprises an overview on employment practices for people with a disability in Europe and the lessons learnt from a recent study, and will familiarise the participants with EPR's perspectives on employment of people with a disability as well as key developments at EU level¹. A national example looking at Finland's co-production approach to employment of people with a disability will follow. The three presentations will be followed by Q&A with the audience.

Session 2 will make a "tour d'Europe" and involve speakers from Belgium, France, Norway and Spain to present inspiring practices and programmes supporting the employment of people with a disability to be later discussed with participants.

PROGRAMME / AGENDA (in Eastern European Time)

14.20 EET (13.20 CET)

Meeting connection opens

14.30 EET (13.30 CET)

Welcome and setting the scene

14.40

Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030; focus on employment

by Susanne Kraatz, Policy Officer, European Commission Disability and Inclusion Unit

14.50

Employment practices for pwd in Europe: What have we learnt?

by Pauliina Lampinen, Executive Director, Supporting Foundation for Children and Youth with Disabilities, Finland, Chair of Commission on Policy and Services, Rehabilitation International

¹ Such as the [European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan](#) -- [Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030](#) -- [Commission Recommendation on an effective active support to employment following the COVID-19 crisis](#)



15.00

EPR activities & perspective on employment of PWD

by Laura Jones, Secretary General, EPR

15.10

Finland's co-production approach to employment of people with a disability

by Mika Ala-Kauhaluoma, Rehabilitation Foundation, Finland

15.25

Q&A with audience

15.40

Comfort break

15.50

Session 3: Successful approaches for the employment of PWD

The Ripple in the Water programme, Paal Haavorsen, Senior Adviser "Work & Inclusion" at the Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise (NHO).

The Fundación ONCE Entrepreneurship programme, Ana Juvíño, Technical Adviser in the Directorate of Training and Employment, Operations and Transformation of the Fundación ONCE.

The Comète early intervention programme, Prof. Jean-Michel Mazaux, Hospital Practitioner and Vice-President of Comète France.

The Talentoscoop service by Wannes Marivoet, Human Resource Development Department of GTB

Q&A with audience

16.40

Discussion with the speakers

16.55

Reflections on the day

*Anni Kyröläinen, Disability expert / Entrepreneur / Athlete with a disability / Equality activist
Laura Jones & Pauliina Lampinen*

17.15

Close

Registration and practical information

To register for this webinar, please fill in the online registration form here. The deadline to register is 17th of June 2021, 12.00. Registered participants will receive a link to join a few days in advance.

We recommend joining with a headset or headphones and checking your sound in advance, and when you connect to zoom, please make sure your name is the one that you registered with.

Please note that the time is shown for the time zone in Finland, i.e. in Eastern European Summer Time (EEST), +1h compared to Belgium, France, Norway and Spain.