

EPR EPSR Day Study Visit

Education, Training and Long life learning; Heliomare

22nd-23rd April 2024

Amsterdam area, The Netherlands

Objectives of the meeting

To raise awareness of the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR), learn from each other's good practices in specific areas, to discuss the challenges and potential solutions, including the role of government, funders and the EU, EPR organises EPR-European Pillar of Social Rights study days. This meeting will focus on education, training and long life learning and will also discuss the implications and relevance of actions planned in the EU Disability Strategy.

Heliomare

Heliomare supports children, youngsters and adults with physical or multiple disabilities, traumatic brain injuries (TBI) or autism. The degree of support provided depends on the requirements and the physical and mental abilities of the client. A variety of services are offered, including medical rehabilitation, vocational rehabilitation, special education (primary and secondary education) and sports. Heliomare brings together extensive expertise and bridges between different fields, including rehabilitation, education, sport and vocational rehabilitation. Heliomare is also actively engaged in working together with other leading service providers and international networks. Heliomare acknowledges the value of freedom and independence. Every client is unique and receives a personal rehabilitation and coaching program to (re-) gain as much independence as possible.

Background

The European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR, sometimes referred to as the "Social Pillar" or just the "Pillar") is a key social initiative launched by the European Commission in November 2017 aimed at improving the promotion and protection of social rights of EU residents. It is structured in 20 principles divided in three categories, referring to equal opportunities and access to labour market, fair working conditions and social protection and inclusion. The Pillar does not give the European Union more power or competencies but is designed to be a tool that promotes social rights with joint collaboration and responsibility of the European institutions together with governments and stakeholders.

Services play a key role in the success of the Pillar. Many of the pillar's principles directly relate to the delivery of services, employment, education and rights of persons with disabilities. Affordable, quality, and accessible services are needed for the rights to become a reality in practice but service providers also have a role ensuring these social rights are met.

On the 4th of March 2021, the European Commission launched the Action Plan. The Action Plan is aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals to take firm steps in the implementation of the 20 principles included in the Pillar. It presents three targets to be achieved by 2030: equal opportunities and access to the labour market, fair working conditions, and social protection and inclusion. The targets are accompanied by clear actions and deadlines. The Commission adopted the Strategy on the rights of persons with disabilities for the period 2021-2030 together with the Action Plan.

Programme

Monday 22nd April

Afternoon - arrival of participants

Meeting point: 19.00 hours.

Restaurant Hotel Sonnevank | Rijckert Aertsweg 2, Wijk aan Zee | <https://www.hotel-sonnevank.nl>
10 min walk from the hotel

Tuesday 23rd April

Session 1 / 09:00-12:15 - Zaal 4, 1e verdieping

Meeting at Heliomare Medical Rehabilitation Center (Relweg 51, 1949 EC)

08:50 Welcome – coffee

09.00 Welcome by the board - Heliomare's Medical Center

09:10 Presentation of Heliomare's Vocational Rehabilitation programs and future strategies
Ralph Gorse

09.30 Demonstration Rysen – Sanne Ettema - Msc.

10.00 Brain injury and employment - Prof. dr. Coen van Bennekom.

10:30 Coffee break

10:45 Wheelchair check – dr. Linda Valent

11.15 Patients story Hand Bike training - Karin Lijbers | Helio hero

11.45 Tour of Heliomare's Medical Rehabilitation Center
Kurt Schumacher & Michel Edelaar

12:15 Lunch

Session 2/ 13:00-17:00

13.00 Transfer to Child & Youth education & rehabilitation center – Heemskerk
Kurt Schumacher & Michel Edelaar

13.30 Tour of Child & Youth education & rehabilitation center – Meike Rijpers

14.00 Presentation of the Heliomare's Educational Programs – KJC – Meike Rijpers

14:30 Presentation of the Heliomare's Educational Programs – Rea college - Sandra de Bree

15.00 Coffee break

15.15 Discussion and exchange with EPR members

16.45 Transfer to Heliomare Medical Rehabilitation Center - Wijk aan Zee

17:00 Participants leaving

Practicalities

EPR has subsidies of minimum 150€ for one participant from each member to join up to six members on a first come first served basis, please indicate if you wish to take the subsidy in the registration form and contact Alicia Gómez Campos for further information.

Hotels: Heliomare recommended hotel: <https://www.hotelzeeduin.nl>

Scale – 100 meter

