

EPR Working Group Employment, Inclusion and ICF

7 April 2022, 09:30 – 11:30 CEST

Online meeting (MS Teams)

DRAFT Programme

Background and aims of the meeting

In 2019 EPR members started meeting regularly to discuss the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF). In 2020 the EPR Innovation Taskforce on Employment, Inclusion and ICF was created to share knowledge, challenges and common resources on the topic.

In continuity with what has been done in 2019 and 2020, two meetings of the Innovation Taskforce on Employment, Inclusion and ICF were organised online in 2021, on 6 May and 15 September. At the first meeting, the activities for 2021 were reviewed, a resource concept elaborated and the aims of the Innovation Taskforce on Employment, Inclusion and ICF clarified. Based on the pieces of research collected and shared by a number of EPR members, at the second meeting colleagues from Belgium and Greece gave three presentations. The group decided to continue its activities in the current format, i.e., mainly by sharing and presenting experiences and research on the use of the ICF in different types of services provided for different types of service users and on the implementation of the ICF-based activities and instruments in practice.

One shared recommendation to policy makers already agreed upon is to shift with the design of the services offered and with assessment tools to a solution-focused and capability-based approach and to overcome the still predominant problem-based approach. ICF-based instruments focus on deficits and problems of persons in vocational rehabilitation programmes whereas what is needed are assessment tools to focus on their capabilities. Such an approach would also be more in line with the policy aim to arrive at

higher labour market participation rates, in particular for persons with reduced capabilities and/or disabilities.

In the first meeting of 2022 we will continue the exchange on research results, project outcomes and good practices in used making used of/building on the ICF with inputs from EPR members. We will also discuss the thematic focus for the 2nd meeting in 2022 and a proposal by the EPR Secretariat for the repository on ICF-related material.

Agenda

- 09:30 **Welcome and round of introductions**
(Mathias Maucher, EPR & all)
- 09:40 **Wrapping up on what the Innovation Task Force has done in 2021**
(Mathias Maucher, EPR)
- 09:45 **Exchange on what is planned for 2022**, incl. on input from extern experts and by pointing to relevant EU-level policy frameworks/policies
(Moderation: Mathias Maucher, EPR)
- 10:00 **Studies, reports and good practices dedicated to the ICF**
- Presentation 1
 - Presentation 2
 - Presentation 3
- In each case:
1. Presentations from EPR members and Q&A for better understanding
 2. Discussion, e.g., using the following questions:
 - a) What can we learn from the study/report/good practice reported?
 - b) Which insights are more generally valid, i.e., also for other countries?
 - c) Can a method or tool be (best) adapted for other (types of) services?
- 11:10 **Concept for thematic reorganisation of the material (studies; reports; good practice examples, etc.) a repository** (also for material to be shared)
(Mathias Maucher, EPR)
- 11:25 **Conclusions & Wrapping Up**
- Next steps
 - Date of 2nd virtual meeting in 2022