

# European Platform for Rehabilitation

*Building capacity for excellence in  
service provision for people with  
disabilities*

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- Focus on employment

## Who we are

Network of service providers committed to excellence and innovation through mutual learning

**30 members** (full & associate)

**17 countries**

All types of disability

Public and private not-for-profit



## Our vision

EPR and its members **contribute to a society where every person** with a disability and persons in other vulnerable situations have **access to the highest quality services** that create **equal opportunities for all and independent participation in society.**

# Fields of work

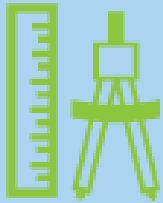
- VET
- Employment
- Medical rehabilitation
- Social care



## Fields of work

- Outcome Measurement
- Empowerment and Quality of Life of clients
- ICT and ATs
- Professional development
- Organisational performance
- Quality – EQUASS
  - Training, recognition, consultancy

**Projects**



**Policy**



**Networking**



**Benchlearning**



**Innovation**



# Employment of people with disabilities 1 of 2

## Awareness-raising events 2015

Croatia – with SOIH

- Audience: DPOs
- Supported employment impact
- Progress to inclusive education in Lisbon University

Lithuania – CSR

- Audience: employers
- Highlighted win-win, successful mentoring programme
- Much interest in follow up





# Employment – *working with employers*

**Annual conference** *Bridging the Gap: matching services to persons with disabilities with labour market needs*

## Good practices

- Success factors wider than training
  - Staff, leadership
- Knowledge of labour market
- Employers = customers
- Variety in engagement
- Flexibility in workplace integration



# Analysis and information

## EU

- Employment actions
- EU VET initiatives
- Training and report on impact of Semester and CRPD on employment

## Studies

- Transition services for young people to employment
- Mainstreamed services

# Mainstreamed/Community-based services

**Study** – good practice quality and success factors:

- Person-centred, rights based
- Build capacity
- Transition programmes
- "twin track"
- Strategic partnerships
- Promote & facilitate inclusive workplaces
- Promote disability mainstreaming



# Re-integrate project – return to work

[www.re-integrate.eu](http://www.re-integrate.eu)

- E-learning Course
- Training Needs Analysis Questionnaire
- Organisational Practice Questionnaire
- Cost-Benefit Calculator
- Corporate Profiles

**Thank you for your interest**

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