

Taskforce: Pathways to Employment

Meeting 1

25th April 2022 (11.00-13.00 CET, Brussels time)

Background & Introduction

In 2021 members developed and approved the 2022 work programme, which includes three connected activities in 2022; the Task Force, a publication and the Public Affairs event. They are described in the Catalogue of Activities as follows: *There will be 3 online meetings of member experts in a task force to develop an in-depth analysis of social protection and employment legislation relating to PWD, incorporating recommendations & gathering of case study success stories of integrated holistic pathways to employment. The publication is aimed at national & EU decision-makers with a specific aim to feed into the planned employment package for PWD under the disability rights strategy. The final output will be presented at the Public Affairs event for discussion.*

As communicated to members, this first meeting will clarify and refine the approach of the TF, the content and methodology of developing the publication, discussing the key components and programmes to include.

The full approach was communicated as follows:

1. Research by EPR into existing documentation analysing national and European legislation aiming to improve the employment of PWD, focusing on the transition to the open labour market, sharing of findings
2. TF members to share relevant information/research from their own countries
3. First meeting of TF to clarify and refine the approach of the TF/content and methodology of developing the publication, discussing the key components and programmes to include (April)
4. EPR to develop framework of publication (May)
5. Second meeting to finalise the structure/content to be included, address the questions and decide which good practice pathways to include (June)
6. Secretariat drafts the publication (July)
7. Third meeting to finalise the document (Sept)
8. Presentation of the publication at the PA event (24 Oct)

Agenda

11:00 – 11:10 **Welcome and introductions** (EPR Secretariat)

11:10 – 11:30 **Clarifying / agreeing working methods of the taskforce and timeframe**

11:30 – 12:15 **Presentation of EPR's findings on existing research, discussion**
Sharing of other programmes/policies enabling pathways to employment & success factors

12:15 – 12:50 **Identifying case studies to include and key legislation success factors to elaborate**

12:50 – 13:00 **Confirming next steps**

Registrations & Contact

Please use the registration form you can find [here](#). The deadline to register is 21st April. Registered participants will receive a link to join the Zoom meeting. We recommend joining with a headset or headphones and checking your sound in advance. For more information: **Laura Jones** ljones@epr.eu