

InDiCo Final Conference: *Increase Digital Competences to Promote Inclusion*

25 September 2026, 10:30 – 13:45 CEST

AGENDA

10:00 *Registration & Welcome Coffee and Tea*

Moderator: Benedetta Pesce, Project and Events Officer of EPR

10:30 **Opening remarks and welcome by the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)**

Ms. Marie Pierre Le Breton, President of the PG DIS, EESC

Introduction to the event

Alicia Gómez Campos, Secretary General of the European Platform for Rehabilitation (EPR)

Priska Schukoff, Deputy Head of Innovation and Development, Project Management, Chance B (Project Lead)

Interactive activity with the audience

11:00 **Keynote speech – setting the scene**

David Mekkaoui, CEO at All Digital

11:15 **Panel Discussion: “Beyond ‘can or can’t’: Rethinking digital competence for inclusive societies”**

Followed by Q&A

Experts in digital skills, organisations working with people with learning disabilities, expert in competence-oriented approaches or on validation of non-formal/informal learning

- Challenges
- Good practices of digital inclusion

Moderator: Clara Beser Ramada, Policy Officer of EPR

Speakers:

- **Greta Pelucco, Policy Director of European Association for the Education of Adults**
- **Haydn Hammersley, Social Policy Coordinator of the European Disability Forum**
- **Orazio Fiorini, Project Officer of European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities**
- **Ana Juviño, Head of the Training and Employment Department, Fundación ONCE**
- **Mari Paz Jiménez Varona, EU Coordinator of European Down Syndrome Association**

11:45 InDiCo project - achievements and insights

Project partners

- **Elli Natassa Xanthopoulou, Senior Project Development Office, Theotokos Foundation** - Why and how did we make the InDiCo project happen?
- **Michael Backhaus, European Policy Officer, Diakonie Württemberg** - Which basic digital competences are relevant for participation in the digital world? (InDiCo catalogue of competences)
- **Dr. Monika Kastner, Assoc.Prof., University of Klagenfurt** - How can these basic digital competences be made visible? (InDiCo methodology and tool)
- **Edite Sobrinho, Project Officer at AFID Foundation** - How can the InDiCo approach be used to navigate the learning journey and reach learning objectives? (InDiCo train-the-trainer manual)
- Q&A

12:35 *Coffee Break*

12:55 Testimonial – travel reports from the learning journeys

- **Eva Lumbreras Bustos, Employment counsellor, Fundación Rey Ardid** - Presentation on practical challenges, success stories and lessons learned.
- Video testimonial of people with learning difficulties and educators who have undergone the InDiCo methodology and assessment training.

13:10 Future of Digital Inclusion for People with Learning Difficulties: Policy Recommendations

- **Clara Beser Ramada, Policy Officer, EPR** - Presentation of Policy Recommendations
- Q&A

13:45 End of the event