From Inclusion to Leadership: Empowering Women and Girls with Disabilities in the Digital Age

Public Webinar by EPR and EDF

2 October 2026, 10:00 – 12:00 CEST

Online, Zoom (tbc)

Objective of the webinar

As digital technologies and artificial intelligence increasingly shape education, employment and participation in society, it is essential to ensure that women and girls with disabilities are not left behind. However, they continue to face multiple and intersecting barriers linked to both gender and disability, which limit their access to digital skills, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) pathways, quality employment and leadership opportunities in the technology sector.

This joint webinar between the European Platform for Rehabilitation (EPR) and the European Disability Forum (EDF) aims to explore both the challenges and opportunities that digitalisation and AI present for women and girls with disabilities. Bringing together service providers, policymakers, and experts with lived experience, the discussion will connect evidence from EPR's research on digital inclusion and equal opportunities with EDF's ongoing work on women with disabilities and artificial intelligence.

The webinar's unifying thread is the need to move from access to empowerment: ensuring that women with disabilities are not only included in the digital transition but are able to shape it, benefit from it and lead it. Through presentations and panel discussions, participants will identify practical actions and policy priorities to strengthen digital inclusion, enhance the role of services for persons with disabilities, and promote equal opportunities, economic participation and leadership for women and girls with disabilities across Europe.

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AGENDA

10:00 **Welcome and Introductions**
Alicia Gómez Campos, Secretary General, European Platform for Rehabilitation (EPR)

10:10 **State of play: Women and girls with disabilities in digital and tech**
Conclusions of EPR Publication on Women and Girls in Digital and Tech professions
Followed by Q&A with participants
Clara Beser Ramada, Policy Officer, European Platform for Rehabilitation (EPR)

10:35 **Women with Disabilities and Artificial Intelligence**
Preliminary results of EDF survey on women with disabilities and AI
Followed by Q&A with participants
Giulia Traversi, Women's Rights Officer, European Disability Forum (EDF)

11:00 **Panel Discussion – Looking forward: promoting inclusion and empowerment of women with disabilities in the digital age**
Moderator: Alicia Gómez Campos, Secretary General, European Platform for Rehabilitation (EPR)
Speakers:

- Pirkko Mahlamäki, Chair and Executive focal point for EDF Women's Committee.
- MEP Katrin Langensiepen (Greens/EFA, Germany), Vice-Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, and Co-chair of the Disability Intergroup
- Silvia Duarte, Head of the Department of Universities and Young Talent Promotion, and Coordinator of the Radia Program at Fundación ONCE

Followed by 10-minute Q&A with participants.

11:55 **Conclusions and closing remarks**
Clara Beser Ramada, Policy Officer, European Platform for Rehabilitation (EPR)

12:00 ***End of Webinar***

REGISTRATION

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