

EPR EPSR Action Plan Study Visit

Employment of people with an intellectual disability

21 – 22 November 2022 (two half days)

Aura Foundation

Ronda del General Mitre, 174, 08006 Barcelona, Spain

Background

The **European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR)** was launched in November 2017 and sets out 20 key principles to create a strong social Europe that is fair, sustainable and inclusive for all. Some of these principles are particularly relevant for the employment of people with disabilities:

- **Principle 1 on Education, training and life-long learning:** *everyone has the right to quality and inclusive education, training and life-long learning in order to maintain and acquire skills that enable them to participate fully in society and manage successfully transitions in the labour market.*
- **Principle 3 on Equal opportunities:** *regardless of gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, everyone has the right to equal treatment and opportunities regarding employment, social protection, education, and access to goods and services available to the public. Equal opportunities of under-represented groups shall be fostered.*
- **Principle 4 on Active support to employment:** *everyone has the right to timely and tailor-made assistance to improve employment or self-employment prospects. This includes the right to receive support for job search, training and re-qualification. Everyone has the right to transfer social protection and training entitlements during professional transitions.*
- **Principle 10 on Healthy, safe and well adapted work environments:** *workers have the right to a high level of protection of their health and safety at work. Workers have the right to a working environment adapted to their professional needs and which enables them to prolong their participation in the labour market. Workers have the right to have their personal data protected in the employment context.*
- **Principle 17 on Inclusion on people with disabilities:** *people with disabilities have the right to income support that ensures living in dignity, services that enable them to participate in the labour market and in society, and a work environment adapted to their needs.*

An **Action Plan** was developed by the Commission to provide concrete steps and actions that the EU and its Member States have to take in terms of policies and reforms to fully implement the EPSR. The Action Plan also sets three EU-level targets to be achieved by 2030 in the area of employment, skills and poverty reduction. In particular, the employment target aims to at least 78% of the population aged between 20 to 64 should be in employment by 2030.

Objectives of the meeting

To showcase the work EPR Members do that links to those principles, to learn from each other's good practices, to discuss the challenges and potential solutions in those fields, including the role of government, funders and the EU, EPR implements for the third year the EPR-EPSR Day.

For more information about the Pillar including descriptions of the different principles, you can consult:

[The Position Paper of Social Services Europe 'The Role of Social Services in the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights' \(2018\)](#)

[The European Pillar of Social Rights and service delivery for persons with disabilities – EPR Analytical paper \(2017\)](#)

[The Action Plan https://op.europa.eu/webpub/empl/european-pillar-of-social-rights/en/](https://op.europa.eu/webpub/empl/european-pillar-of-social-rights/en/)

Day 1: 21st November

Agenda

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| 14.00 - 14.30 | Aura Foundation: Introduction, background and overview visit
Welcome remarks by Maria Cabré, Director
Welcome by EPR, Alicia Gómez Campos |
| 14.30 - 15.30 | Aura Foundation
First Supported Employment Programme in Spain and Europe
<i>(including coffee break)</i>
Maria Cabré, Director, and Laura Krauel, Job Coach |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | Update on the EPSR Action Plan and what it means for EPR members
Alicia Gómez Campos, EPR Secretariat |
| 16.30 - 17:30 | Welcome from IMPD- Municipality Institute for People with Disabilities. Presentation of XIB (Network for a more inclusive Barcelona)-
Mr Jordi Tudela, General Manager of the Municipal Institute for Disability People, Mrs Angels Garcia, Head of the Municipal Labour Counselling, Mrs Lola Montejo, Head of the Barcelona Inclusion Network
Address: Valencia, 344 1 st Floor |
| 17:30 - 18:00 | <i>Transfer to Hotel</i> |
| 19:30 - 20:00 | Sightseeing in Barcelona |
| 20.30 | Social dinner at Vinitus
Address: Consell de Cent, 333 |

Day 2: 22nd November

Agenda

09.00 - 09.45	Aura Foundation Supported Living Programme By Gloria Canals, President, and Virginia Seoane
09.45 - 10:40	EPR members presentations and exchange
10.40 - 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 - 12.00	Aura Foundation On-going Training Programme By Laia Calzada, Responsible of Training Programme
12.00 - 12.45	Debate on Recommendations – what should be recommended to policy makers & funders to support employment of people with disabilities? Alicia Gómez Campos, EPR Secretariat
12.45 - 13.00	Conclusions of the study visit

Contacts

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Travel Practicalities

The most convenient way to reach Barcelona from a foreign country is by plane.

A) Travel to Barcelona BY PLANE

Barcelona Airport–El Prat has two passenger terminals:

- Terminal 1: It is the main terminal and is in charge of both domestic and international services of major airlines.
- Terminal 2: It handles low cost carriers flights.

There is a **free shuttle bus between both terminals** available. The bus runs 24 hours and varies its frequency according to the hour of the day. The travel time from Terminal 1 to Terminal 2 is about 10 minutes, whilst travel time from Terminal 2 to Terminal 1 is 14 minutes. More info [here](#).

B) Transport from the airport to Barcelona city

At Barcelona Airport there are available the following means of transport to get to the city centre:

- **Bus:** There are public transport services available from Barcelona Airport. See the different bus options [here](#).
- **Aerobus:** A bus route that gets directly from Barcelona city centre to BCN Airport. Aerobus tickets can be purchased online, a single ticket costs 5.90€.
- **Taxi:** Get within 30 minutes to Barcelona city centre. Taxi ranks are located in front of both terminals and vehicles are black and yellow. The journey costs around 30€.
- **Train:** is available at Barcelona Airport Terminal 2. Trains depart every 30 minutes between 05:42am and 11:38pm and one-way tickets are 4.60€. Tickets are sold at the ticket machines located at the entrance to RENFE station in the Airport or at any metro stop. The main 2 train stations are Passeig de Gràcia (26 minutes) and Barcelona Sants Estació (19 minutes). Check the train schedule [here](#).
- **Metro:** Metro L9 connects Barcelona Airport to downtown; it has stops at both terminals T1 and T2 every 7 minutes. Travel time to downtown takes 30 minutes. In order to reach Barcelona city center, passengers must transfer to L1, L5 or L3, depending on your final destination. Barcelona Metro runs daily from 05:00am and resumes at midnight. Saturday to Sunday nights it runs 24 hours. On Friday night, it resumes at 02:00am and starts at 05:00am. The single ticket is 4.60€.

C) Transportation within the city: [Hola Barcelona Travel card](#) provides unlimited journeys on public transportation in Barcelona for 2 consecutive days. **Travel to airport is included.**