

Technology as an enabler of high-quality rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities

12 October 2026, 13:00 – 18:00 CEST (Italian Local Time)

Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi premises,
Milano, Via Capecelatro 66, Cardini Room

PROGRAMME

Event Moderator: *tbc*

13:00 *Networking light lunch*

14:00 **Registration**

14:30 **Welcome and Introductions**

Maria Cristina Messa, Scientific Director, Fondazione Don Gnocchi, former Italian Minister of Research

Furio Gramatica, Director of Development & Innovation, Fondazione Don Gnocchi; Chairperson, European Platform for Rehabilitation

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

14:45 **Introduction to EPR**

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

15:00 **European context/policies on technologies for rehabilitation, independent living and inclusion of persons with disabilities: key objectives and barriers**

Laura Rosillo Benyeto, Policy Assistant responsible for Flagship on assistive technologies, Disability Unit, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

15:20 **EPR Report “Enabling high-quality rehabilitation through technologies” with Q&A**

Giada Venier, European Affairs & Projects Manager, Cluster Scienze della Vita del Friuli Venezia Giulia

15:40 *Coffee Break*

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16:10 Round table: examples of initiatives and projects at national/regional/local level

Presentations from EPR members (10' each):

- **Nektaria Sifaki**, Head of the VET department, Theotokos Foundation - Virtual reality and AI for job training of young people with neurodevelopmental disabilities by Theotokos Foundation (Greece)
- **Lourdes González Perea**, Head of the Technological Accessibility Department, Fundación ONCE - Technologies for accessible smart cities: the AccessRobots, WalkerPISA and PULSE projects (Spain)
- **Susana Ortega Bataller**, Mental Health Support Worker and European Rehabilitation Liaison, SASM Foundation - Mixed Reality tools for service users and practitioners by Fundación SASM (Spain)

Presentations from local organisations (10' each):

- **Franco Molteni**, Director of Medical Rehabilitation, Valduce Hospital; Scientific Director of Villa Beretta Rehabilitation Research Innovation Institute - Robotic rehabilitation from a clinical perspective by Villa Beretta Rehabilitation Research Innovation Institute
- **Valerio Gower**, Head of Projects, Fondazione don Gnocchi - Organizational models and impact assessment of robotic rehabilitation by Don Gnocchi Foundation
- **Marianna Guzzetti**, Residential Projects Coordinator, Cascina Biblioteca Cooperative - Innovation in Housing: The Experience of the SALSA Project at the Cascina Biblioteca Cooperative

Q&A and discussion 20'

17:30 Conclusions

Vincenzo Barbante, President, Fondazione Don Gnocchi

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

17:40 End of event



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