





## **Particip.AGE Project Final Conference Fostering Inclusive Communities and Healthy Ageing for People with Intellectual Disabilities**

 **Date:** Thursday, 26 June 2025

 **Time:** 13:30–16:30 CET

 **Hybrid:** zoomlink will be sent after registration

 **Venue:** Amazone, Rosa Parks Conference Room  
Rue du Méridien 10, 1210 Brussels

**We would like to welcome all stakeholders** to a final conference of the [Particip.AGE project](#) to foster debate on this increasingly relevant and important topic of dignified and healthy ageing especially, for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

Thanks to medical and technological advances, people with intellectual disabilities are enjoying longer lives. Yet they often encounter health and social challenges decades earlier than the general population. To address this “double vulnerability,” we invite you to join us to hear about the innovative online training courses for ageing people with intellectual disabilities and the service providers’ staff that support them as well as the policy recommendations, to enhance the community inclusion this often overlooked population.

In addition to the launch of our final project results, together we will explore actionable strategies to promote dignity and well-being for ageing adults with intellectual disabilities.

**Reserve Your Place:** [Registration Link](#)

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Join the conversation and networking lunch!

# Agenda

- 13:30**      **Registration and networking coffee with refreshments**
- 14:00**      **Welcome**  
Alicia Gómez Campos, Secretary General at EPR
- 14:05**      **Keynote speaker**  
Katrin LANGENSIEPEN MEP  
Interest groups: “Europe for all ages” and “Disabilities”
- 14:15**      **Enhancing Inclusive and Healthy Ageing for People with Intellectual Disabilities**  
Haydn Hammersley (European Disability Forum)  
Lucie Durocher (UNESSA)
- 15:00**      **Personal testimonies**  
Videos from staff and ageing people with intellectual disabilities
- 15:10**      **The ParticipAGE. Project: Why? Who? What?**  
Panita Ball, Project and Events Officer, EPR  
Particip.AGE Project coordinator
- 15:20**      **Presentation of the Particip.AGE Website with embedded online training**  
Maria Carracedo Bustamante, INTRAS Foundation
- 15:30**      **Project Results: online training course for staff and ageing People with Intellectual Disabilities**  
Jane Walsh, University of Galway  
Michael Backhaus, Mariaberg e.V.
- 15:40**      **Coffee break**
- 16:00**      **Policy Recommendations for enhanced community and social inclusion of Ageing People with Intellectual Disabilities**  
Clara Beser, Policy Officer, EPR
- 16:15**      **Evaluation of competences and impact**  
Nicole Modi & Barbara Borgogni, Medea
- 16:25**      **Closing remarks**
- 16.30**      **End of Conference**