

LEADING THE CHANGE IN REHABILITATION:

Towards Future-Proof Services

5 - 6 JUNE 2025



DAY 1 - Thursday 5th June		
09:30	Registration and welcome coffee	
10:00	Conference opening Patrick Ruppol, EPR Chairperson and Member of Consulting Staff, GTB Alicia Gomez Campos, EPR Secretary General	
10:15	Making connections	
10:25	 Setting the scene: What are the main changes and trends in rehabilitation services? Living independently in the community: Marie Fitzgerald, Regional Manager, Rehab Group; Samanta DeBattista, Senior Executive, and Charlette Camilleri, Leader, Agenzija Sapport Technology: Eveline De Raeve, Care & Well-Being, Thomas More; Nektaria Sifaki, Head of Vocational Training, Theotokos Foundation Inclusion and work: Lut Gailly, Staff member, GTB Cost-effectiveness, tendering and citizens values: Michael Backhaus, HR Officer & European Projects Coordinator, Mariaberg 	
11:45	Coffee Break	
12:15	Reflections on challenges and opportunities in inclusion and services Haydn Hammersley, Social Policy Coordinator, European Disability Forum (EDF)	
12:35	Leading the change in rehabilitation, learning and innovating together (interactive session)	
13:15	Conference Lunch	

14:15	Inspirational Speaker: Driving the Change William Boeva, Comedian, Presenter, Candid storyteller
15:00	Keynote speech: The Sunny Side Up! Fons Leroy, Chairperson of GTB, Labour Market Expert and Author
15:30	Coffee Break
15:45	Open Spaces on Leadership
	• Leadership and data management led by Sander Allert, Plain Sight and joined by Fondazione Don Gnocchi
	• Leadership and quality management led by Karen Warson, Association for Supported Employment (ASEE) and joined by Astangu
	• Leadership and motivation led by Lisa Willems, GTB, and joined by The Cedar Foundation
	 Leadership and Inclusivity led by Bee Academy, Joris Van Hoye and Eva Dessers, and joined by Anna Duquennoy
17:00	Closing remarks
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18:30 19:30 DAY 2	Social Activity: Antwerp Walking Tour Conference Gala Dinner at Octave Restaurant - Friday 6th June

10:50	Coffee Break
11:10	Masterclass: Balancing empathy, the key to meaningful innovation Yvonne Gillis, Product Owner and Designer, Syntilio
11:55	A policy dimension from Flanders and the EU Helga Stevens, Policy Advisor, FPS Social Security - DG Persons with Disabilities Olga Martinez de Briones, DG Justice & Consumers, European Commission
12:15	Messages to take home
12.35	Closure

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