

Unlocking New Horizons: Enhancing Quality of Life Through Vocational Education, Training, and Community Care

18 October 2023 (2.30 PM – 5.30 PM CET)

VMA Building, Rue Van Maerlant 2, Brussels (Belgium)

In Europe, VET and Community Care services touch the lives of countless individuals with disabilities. Recognizing the pivotal role that they play in shaping the quality of life (QoL) for People with Disabilities stands as a cornerstone in addressing this vital matter.

Commenced in November 2020 and set to conclude in October 2023, the QOLIVET project culminates in the "Unlocking New Horizons" conference; its final objective is to spotlight and advocate the results achieved. Among these noteworthy outcomes are the Quality of Life Impact Assessment Tool (QIAT), the QOLISERV.EU platform, and the Online training course— each representing key milestones in the journey of the QOLIVET project.

This conference not only serves as a platform to showcase the accomplishments of the QOLIVET project but also extends its focus to foster a broader dialogue. While the project remains at the heart of our discussions, our intention reaches beyond its bounds. We aspire to facilitate an enriching exchange on the broader theme of Quality of Life for the clients of service providers. By delving into this expansive perspective, we aim to amplify our collective understanding, draw insights, and ignite conversations that pave the way for comprehensive and meaningful enhancements. This conference invites us to delve into the intricate layers of quality of life, creating a tapestry of knowledge, collaboration, and innovation that extends far beyond the confines of any single project.

This event is organised in partnership with the European Economic and Social Committee set to take place on 18 October from 2.30 to 5.30 PM at VMA Building, Rue Van Maerlant 2, Brussels (Belgium).

QOLIVET Partnership: The project partnership is led by the [European Platform for Rehabilitation - EPR](#) (Belgium).

The QOLIVET partners are:

- [European Vocational Training Association - EVTA](#) (Belgium)
- [EWORX S.A.](#) (Greece)
- [FUNDACION ONCE](#) (Spain)
- [REHAB GROUP](#) (Ireland)
- [Vocational Rehabilitation Centre of Gaia - CPRG](#) (Portugal)
- [University Rehabilitation Institute](#) (Slovenia)

Content Expert: Donal McAnaney Ph.D.

More info on the project are available [here](#).

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2.30 – 2.45

Registrations

2.45 – 2.50

Welcome and Introduction

Roberto Zanon (EPR)

2.50 – 3.00

Keynote speech

Christophe Lefevre - President of the Permanent Study Group on Disability rights
European Economic and Social Committee

3.00 – 3.10

The QOLIVET Project: Objectives and Results

Roberto Zanon (EPR)

3.10. – 3.30

Good Practices Guidelines on Vet and Community Care service provision

Donal McAnaney Ph.D., QOLIVET Content Expert

3.30 – 3.50

**Online Training Course on Quality of Life Impact of inclusive Vocational Education
and Training and Community Care**

Siobhan Barry and Dr. Phil Smyth (Rehab Group)

3.50 – 4.05

Coffee Break

4.05 – 4.35

Quality of Life Impact Assessment tool

Donal McAnaney Ph.D., QOLIVET Content Expert

Antonio Rilho, (CRPG – Centro de Reabilitação Profissional)

4.35 – 4.55

QOLISERV.EU: Its content and how to use it

Thodoris Karagiorgos (EWORX)

Eberhard Lueder (EPR)

4.55 – 5.15

EQUASS: European Quality in Social Services

Keiu Talve, EQUASS expert

5.15 – 5.30

Wrap up and conclusions

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