

EPR Working Group Employment, Inclusion and ICF

9 March 2023, 09:30–11:30 CET

Online meeting (MS Teams)

DRAFT Programme

Background and aims of the meeting

In 2019 EPR members started meeting regularly to discuss the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF). In 2020 the EPR Innovation Taskforce on Employment, Inclusion and ICF was created to share knowledge, challenges and common resources on the topic.

In continuity with what has been done in 2019 and 2020, two meetings of the Innovation Taskforce on Employment, Inclusion and ICF were organised online in 2021, on 6 May and 15 September. At the first meeting, the activities for 2021 were reviewed, a resource concept elaborated and the aims of the Innovation Taskforce on Employment, Inclusion and ICF clarified. Based on the pieces of research collected and shared by a number of EPR members, at the second meeting colleagues from Belgium and Greece gave three presentations. The group decided to continue its activities in the current format, i.e., mainly by sharing and presenting experiences and research on the use of the ICF in different types of services provided for different types of service users and on the implementation of the ICF-based activities and instruments in practice.

In the first meeting of 2022 on 7 April the Working Group ICF continued the exchange on research results, project outcomes and good practices in used making use of/building on the ICF with inputs from EPR members. The [2nd meeting 2022](#) on 30 November dealt with three main points: 1) The EPR Secretariat presented the [Repository](#) for material (studies; reports; good practice examples, etc.) on the use of ICF in the field of vocational rehabilitation. 2) The participants had an exchange of experiences on the use of the ICF

in vocational rehabilitation and labour market inclusion services, with inputs from colleagues from GTB (Belgium) – on “Strength-based working and ICF” – and Theotokos (Greece) illustrating the architecture and contents of an integrated digital system for capacity assessments based on ICF developed and used by the organisation. 3) The participants exchanged on main topics for 2023.

The first meeting in 2023 focuses on the exchange of knowledge, experiences and common resources, but also will kick-off work on policy recommendations.

Agenda

09:30 **Welcome and round of introductions**

(Mathias Maucher, EPR & all)

09:35 **Outlook on what is planned for 2023** *(Mathias Maucher, EPR)*

- Update of [Repository](#) for material (studies; reports; good practice examples, etc.) on the use of ICF in the field of vocational rehabilitation
- Items included into EPR Work Programme 2023

09:45 **Studies, reports and good practices dedicated to the ICF**

- Patrick Ruppel: [Change4Inclusion Project](#) + Outreach Project WE GO TO Work
- N.N.
In each case:
 1. Presentations from EPR members and Q&A for better understanding
 2. Discussion, e.g., using the following questions:
 - a) Mutual exchange and learning: What can we learn from the study/report/good practice reported and improve in the services provided?
 - b) Transferability (e.g.): Which insights are more generally valid, i.e., also for other countries? Can a method or tool be adapted to other (types of) services?

11:00 **Putting the use of ICF in a policy framework**

- Relevance of Disability Employment Package for use of ICF
- Elaborating recommendations on the appropriateness of the ICF scale and changes needed to use the ICF for an inclusive ability assessment

11:20 **Conclusions & Wrapping Up** *(Moderation: Mathias Maucher, EPR)*

- Next steps, including planning of input from extern experts
- Date of 2nd virtual meeting in 2023