

Transitions into vocational training and/or employment for young people with disabilities

Working Group Youth – Hybrid Meeting 2/2022

23 June 2022

14:00–16:00 CEST

Background

In recent years EPR members have increasingly expressed interest collaborating in the area of working with young people with disabilities. The joint work started off in December 2020 at the National Awareness Raising Event (NARE) in Germany where a number of EPR members presented their services and programmes for young people with disabilities. In addition, EPR is currently leading 2 Erasmus+ projects with members focused on young people, [Jump2Job](#) and [TransitAction](#).

On 17 May and 30 June 2021, two meetings were organised to start off a thematically focused exchange and mutual learning on services for young people with disabilities. The participants identified a number of topics of common interest: 1) Adaptation of services to new demands in the labour market for young people with a disability or mental health issues and to their specific needs; 2) Improvement of the employability of young people with a disability or mental health issues, including by addressing motivational issues for them to learn; 3) How to effectively accompany and support a shift to hybrid models of learning, teaching and training; 4) Inclusive education – successful models to learn from; 5) Organisation of trans-national exchanges for young people with a disability or mental health issues. In the second meeting, the thematic exchange focused on “Transition Management” for young people with disability (YPWD) from school and training into employment.

The first meeting in 2022 was held on 31 March (on Zoom). It thematically focused on “inclusive education”. Participants looked at the preconditions to realise inclusive education and at which adaptations to the services EPR members are offering in child and youth welfare are needed, how this can be best done, and which problems exist. Participants also were informed on the main activities planned in the European Year 2022 on Youth relevant for them as social service providers.

The second meeting – organised on 23 June face-to-face in Brussels, but with an additional option to participate online via Zoom –will be mainly built around the topic “Transitions from education and training into employment for YPWD”. A draft of the EPR report will be presented and good practises presented and discussed. Additionally, recent developments regarding the main EU policy frameworks and funds relevant for child and youth welfare and/or youth policy will be presented and together assessed for their relevance for the policy and practical work of EPR members.

Participants are asked to fill in the registration form by 20 June, 14:00 CEST, at the latest. They are kindly asked to let me know, when registering (to facilitate our planning ideally by 16 June), if they are interested in making a contribution on the thematic focus. This would be highly appreciated. They also are asked to indicate if they are interested in participating in a social dinner on the evening of 22 June. And they should indicate if they come in person to Brussels or would like to joint online.

Agenda

14:00 – 14:05 **Welcome and round of presentation** (Mathias Maucher, EPR)

14:05 – 14:15 **Thematic introduction – Outlook on third meeting of WG Youth in 2022 and on NARE Denmark** (Mathias Maucher, EPR)

Mathias will first recall the main outcomes and insights from the first meeting on 31 March mainly dealing with “inclusive education”. He will then give a concise thematic introduction for the second meeting which is tied to the [Final Dissemination Event](#) of the [Jump2Job](#) Project. He will finally give an outlook to the thematic focus for the third meeting and ask for feedback on a EPR National Awareness Raising Event “Young People with Disabilities and Transitions” planned for the autumn in Denmark.

14:15 – 15:35 **EPR Publication “Young People and Transitions”** (Benedetta Pesce, EPR)

Benedetta will present the conceptual part of the draft report and explain the planned timeline for its finalisation and how it should be used. EPR members are asked to comment on the work done so far and invited to share good practice examples.

3 or 4 presentations by members on their programmes and measures to facilitate the transitions from education and training into employment for YPWD (“good practice”), on their experiences with them as well as on the regulatory frameworks needed.

15:35 – 15:50 **Updates on the EU policy framework and recent initiatives in the fields of child and youth welfare and youth policy**

Mathias will give an update on recent developments regarding the main EU policy frameworks and funds relevant for child and youth welfare and/or youth policy, based on the list of topics identified by the participants of the meeting 1/2022.

15:50 – 16:00 **Drawing conclusions and agreeing next steps** (Mathias Maucher, EPR)

Registration

To attend this meeting, please register here before the 20 June, 14:00 CEST. If you become unable to attend, please let EPR know in advance

For those colleagues outside Brussels and not participating face-to-face, the link to join the meeting and further technical instructions will be sent to all registered participants in the afternoon of 20 June.

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