

Transitions services and programmes for young people with disabilities & Services to address the needs of YPWD with mental health conditions

Working Group Youth – Meeting 3/2022

24 November 2022

09:30–12:00 CET (morning session) & 14:00–16:00 CET (afternoon session)

Online (Zoom)

Background

In recent years EPR members have increasingly expressed interest collaborating in the area of working with young people with disabilities. In addition, EPR is currently leading 2 Erasmus+ projects with members focused on young people, [Jump2Job](#) and [TransitAction](#).

The joint work started off in December 2020 at the National Awareness Raising Event (NARE) online where a number of EPR members presented their services and programmes for young people with disabilities. 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 disabilities¹.

The [first meeting](#) in 2022 on 31 March focused on “inclusive education”. Information on the activities planned in the European Year 2022 on Youth relevant for social service providers was shared. The [second meeting](#) on 23 June was built around the topic “Transitions from education and training into employment for YPWD”. Additionally, recent developments regarding the main EU policy frameworks and funds relevant for child and youth welfare and/or youth policy were presented and discussed.

The third meeting is organised online on 24 November and split into two parts. The morning session will be dedicated to transition services and programmes for young people with disabilities. The EPR Secretariat will present the DRAFT Report based on the (ongoing) collection of good practices from EPR members. Based on 3 or 4 presentations of colleagues and by using small discussion groups we will aim at identifying common success factors. The afternoon session will be jointly organised with colleagues from the Working Group “Mental Health”. The good practice exchange will look into services and programmes to address the needs of YPWD with mental health conditions, qualification and skill needs for the professionals, implications for the (re-)organisation of services, etc.

Participants are asked to fill in the [registration form](#) by 17 November, 17:00 CET, at the latest. They are kindly invited to let us know, when registering, if they are interested in making a contribution in either of the sessions. This would be highly appreciated.

¹ The participants identified a number of topics of common interest: 1) “Transition Management” for young people with disability (YPWD) from school and training into employment; 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) Adaptation of services to new demands in the labour market for young people with a disability or mental health conditions and to their specific needs; 4) How to effectively accompany and support a shift to hybrid models of learning, teaching and training; 5) Inclusive education; 6) Organisation of trans-national exchanges for young people with a disability or mental health issues.

DRAFT Agenda

MORNING SESSION (09:30-12:00 CET)

- 09:30 – 09:40 **Welcome, introduction to the morning session and round of presentation**
(Mathias Maucher, EPR)
- 09:40 – 11:15 **EPR Publication "Young People and Transitions"** (moderation: Benedetta Pesce, EPR)
Benedetta will present the draft report. She will highlight the success factors the EPR Secretariat could identify. She will also suggest some policy recommendations.
Afterwards, we invite for 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. The EPR Secretariat will prepare some questions for discussion.
- 11:20 – 11:25 **Information on a joint [EPR-EASPD Webinar on Transitions from School or Training to Employment for Young People with Disabilities – Good practices and success factors](#), 7 December 2022, 14:00-16:00)**
- 11:25 – 11:35 **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.
- 11:35 – 12:00 **Exchange on topics for EPR WG "Youth" in 2023 and Outlook on next meeting of WG Youth in March 2023 (tbc)** in Germany (Mathias Maucher, EPR; all)
Please come up with proposals. Footnote 1 lists the topics we already identified.

AFTERNOON SESSION (14:00-16:00 CET)

- 14:00 – 14:10 **Welcome, introduction to the afternoon session and round of presentation**
(Alicia Gómez Campos & Mathias Maucher, EPR)
- 14:10 – 14:20 **Overview on main topics, activities and outcomes of the WG Mental Health and the WG Youth** (Alicia Gómez Campos & Mathias Maucher, EPR)
- 14:20 – 15:40 **Services and programmes to address the needs of YPWD with mental health conditions** (moderation: Alicia Gómez Campos, EPR)
We invite for 2 or 3 presentations by members on their programmes and measures. Colleagues of the WG Youth have in 2021 expressed their interest to organise and

exchange of experiences and good practices focusing on programmes, measures and initiatives in place to address a range of mental health conditions in services for YPWD, including social isolation, very YPWD and mental health issues and the staff and qualifications. The EPR Secretariat will prepare some questions for discussion.

N.B.: The last two items only concern colleagues involved in the WG Youth. They are intended for those colleagues who could not in the morning session.

15:40 – 15:50 Summary information on morning session in relation to **EPR Publication "Young People and Transitions"** (Benedetta Pesce, EPR)

15:50 – 16:00 **Exchange on topics for EPR WG "Youth" in 2023** (Mathias Maucher, EPR)

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Registration

To attend this meeting, please register [here](#) before the 17 November, 17:00 CET, at the latest.

If you become unable to attend, please let EPR know in advance

The link to join the meeting will be sent to all registered participants on 21 November.

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