

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Promoting equal rights for people with autism in the field of education and employment

Saturday 29 November 2014
11.00 – 18.30

**Room Sala Piemonte, Centro Congressi Unione Industriale Torino Spa
Turin, Italy**

11.00 **Opening Panel Address: Employment for people with disabilities in the European context**

Representative of the Italian EU Presidency, Franca Biondelli (Sottosegretario di Stato del Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali)

Representative of the European Commission, Sofia Lourenço, Policy coordinator, People with Disabilities Unit, DG Justice

President of the Italian Federation of people with disabilities (FISH), Vincenzo Falabella

11.45 **Session 1: Rights and actions at the European level**

The education and employment situation of people with autism in Europe – Presentation of the campaign ‘Autism and work. Together we can’, Evelyne Friedel, vice-President of Autism-Europe

The Protection of People with Autism in the framework of the Council of Europe and the European Union – Giuseppe Palmisano, ISGI

Question and answer session

12.30 **Session 2: Coordinated national approaches to employment**

National Autism Plans and Strategies in the EU Member States – Valentina Della Fina, ISGI

Implementing the Autism Strategy for England: Ask Autism services – Carol Povey, National Autistic Society (United Kingdom)

Question and answer session

13.30 **LUNCH BREAK**

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Session 3: Education and training for employment



Article 24 of the CRPD and the Inclusive Education of People with Autism – Rachele Cera, ISGI

Tertiary Education/Vocational Training and Lifelong Learning of Adults with Autism – Prof. L. Chiappetta Cajola, Università Roma Tre, Dipartimento di Scienze della Formazione.

Training people with autism to be part of an inclusive workforce – Cristina Scocchia, L'Oréal Italy and Bert Pichal, TEDA foundation

Question and answer session

16.00

Session 4: Rights and responsibilities

Article 27 of the CRPD: Right to Employment of People with Autism and Corporate Social Responsibility – Marco Fasciglione, ISGI

Creating pathways to employment: how to involve companies – Rosa Alvarez, Autismo Andalucia (Spain)

16.40

COFFEE BREAK

17.00

Session 5: Diverse approaches to employment

Harnessing the potential of people with autism in the ICT sector – Dirk Rombaut, Passwerk (Belgium)

Empowerment at work through a self-managed cooperative – Pietro, Laboratorio di Esplorazione Multimediale (Italy)

Question and answer session

18.20

Conclusions: The future of employment for people with autism

Zsuzsanna Szilvasy, President of Autism-Europe

18.30

Close

Interpretation will be provided in Italian, French and English

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