

1st Pilot European Inclusive Education Week

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A pilot initiative by the European Network on Inclusive Education and Disability (includ-ed)

The **European Inclusive Education Week** aims to highlight the diversity of actions taking place throughout Europe to promote inclusive education and acknowledge the efforts undertaken by organisations, institutions and experts to foster inclusive education systems in Europe.

In this 1st pilot edition, all includ-ed network partners and associated members are invited to give special visibility to their efforts and projects advancing inclusive education in Europe. The includ-ed website will provide a forum to present the multiple and diverse initiatives and events that promote inclusive education throughout Europe.

Objectives

The **European Inclusive Education Week** has three objectives:

- acknowledge diversity and respect human rights;
- underline the importance of creating inclusive environments;
- look for ways to overcome barriers to learning and participation.

> in schools and universities, at the workplace and in our local communities.

About Inclusive Education

As stated in [Article 24 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(UNCRPD\)](#), inclusive education is:

- A right to access and enjoy education without discrimination and on the basis of equal opportunity.
- A right to develop one's full human potential, one's sense of dignity and self-worth.
- A right to develop one's personality, talents and creativity, as well as one's mental and physical attributes, to the fullest potential.

Inclusive education enables not only people with disabilities but everyone to fully participate in society and is a key factor for labour inclusion.

The EU signed the UNCRPD on 22 January 2011

How to participate?

Share your event with includ-ed and with Europe!

If you have any action or event taking place during the week that promotes inclusive education, you only need to send us up to three paragraphs describing the action (what?, who?, where?) as well as a photo of the action or the logo of your organisation so that we can promote your contribution to the **1st pilot European Inclusive Education Week** in form of an article on the includ-ed website.

Send us an e-mail at:
includ-ed.secretariat@paueducation.com

We will also share all events via Twitter:
@includ_ed Hashtag #InclusiveEducationWeek14

Ideas for action: Inclusive Education, from school to university and beyond

Ideas and type of actions that can be highlighted during the **1st pilot edition of the European Inclusive Education Week**:

- A discussion or workshop on inclusive education sharing experiences and information.
- An activity in which students with and without disabilities take part (cultural or a sports event, creative activities celebrating diversity such as theatre plays, art work and video, excursions).
- A promoting event of other communication forms like Braille and sign language.
- A collaboration work with public institutions (local and regional authorities, ministry of education) about what needs to be done to promote inclusive education and the equal participation of all students without distinction.
- An open school day with discussions about the positive aspects of inclusion inviting students with and without disabilities, parents, teachers, NGOs active in the area of disability and the general public.
- Teacher trainings and other workshops for education stakeholders and the general public.
- A cultural event on the topic followed by a guided discussion on inclusive education.
- Sharing good practices of inclusive schools, interviews, reports of the involvement of students with disabilities in educational mainstream settings.
- An experiment aiming at evaluating the level of accessibility of the school, university or library.

The **European Network on Inclusive Education & Disability (incluD-ed)** is a collaborative and multi-stakeholder initiative with two primary goals:

1) to promote, identify, disseminate and exchange good practices and all types of resources related to inclusive education for people with disabilities across Europe; and 2) to influence EU and national policies and to encourage an active and inclusive focus in education systems.

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incluD-ed is running from 2009 to the end of 2015.

Its member organisations, as **founding partners** together with Fundación ONCE in Spain are: Association des Paralysés de France (F), Kynnys ry (FI), and Rytmus (CZ).

Associated members: queraum. cultural & social research (AT); FIRAH International Foundation of Applied Disability Research (FR); University of Akureyri (IS); Inclusion Ireland (IRE); Association RENINCO (RO); CSIE Centre for Studies on Inclusive Education (UK).

MORE INFORMATION

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www.includ-ed.eu

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