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BREAKING NEWS

T21

June 8-9-10 2021

Virtual Conference

21 Trisomy Research Society



The in-person meeting of T21RS for 2021 has been postponed to 2022 – T21 is moving to a Virtual Meeting in 2021

Over the last months, T21 has been following the evolution of the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic closely, both locally and internationally.

In view of this and because T21's first priority is the health and well-being of all the attendees of this event, it has decided to postpone the in-person **T21RS 2021 Conference**, originally scheduled for June 2021.

The new dates for the Conference will be confirmed very soon and it will be held at the same venue: The Westin Long Beach Hotel in 2022. Symposium submitters will be contacted soon with information about their proposals.

T21RS aims to maintain the scientific experience and that is why it has decided to have its **1st T21RS Virtual Conference on 8-10 June 2021.**

Registration here:

<https://barcelo.eventsair.com/t21rs-2021/registration/Site/Register>



9th June 2021, H 18.00 CEST. Webinar. During the EDSA meeting



Small partnerships



21 slides



EDSA - AIPD webinar. Small partnerships. June 2021



ERASMUS + SMALL SCALE PARTNERSHIP. AN OPPORTUNITY

Small-scale Partnerships are designed to widen access to the Erasmus+ programme to small-scale actors and individuals who are hard to reach in the fields of school education, adult education, vocational education and training, youth and sport.

With lower grant amounts awarded to organisations, shorter duration and simpler administrative requirements compared to the Cooperation Partnerships, this action aims at reaching out to grassroots organisations, less experienced organisations and newcomers to the Programme, reducing entry barriers to the programme for organisations with smaller organisational capacity.

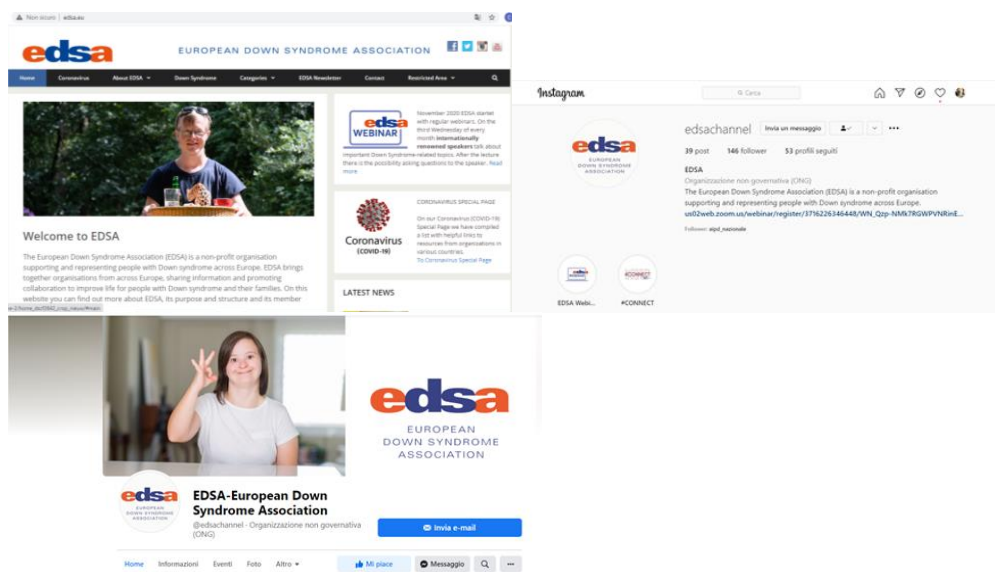
Paola Vulterini (AIPD Italy) will provide attendants with a general overview of the call, in order to allow EDSA members to consider the opportunity to introduce an application

Registration is required.

Time: Jun 9, 2021 17:00h – 19:00h CET (Zagreb)

Registration form is on the link: <https://forms.gle/YYkgBT1e3GxiYP2W8>

EDSA's APPEAL TO ALL MEMBERS



Dear EDSA members,

we would like to share more of your work in our EDSA social medias.

This is why we kindly ask you, that when you have important news and interesting projects that you share in your social media, please send a link in our facebook inbox.

We also would like to have the contact dates of the person in your association who is responsible for the news on your website, facebook, instagram etc.

Could you please send this to me, Cora: halder.cora@t-online.de

Someone from our social media group (Fulya, Emanuela, Michaela, Tania or Maida) will then contact you. This can be a good way to built up better communication among members. A lot of members wish to have more possibilities to share news and experiences.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Regards,

Cora Halder

NEWS FROM THE EU COMMISSION

The European Disability Card and the Disability Rights Strategy.



To help people with disabilities travel more easily between EU countries, the EU is developing a voluntary **system of mutual recognition of disability status and some associated benefits** based on an **EU disability card**.

Currently, there is no mutual recognition of disability status between EU Member States, leading to difficulties for people with disabilities, as their national disability cards might not be recognised in other Member States.

The **EU disability card** ensures **equal access to benefits across borders** for people with disabilities, mainly in the areas of **culture, leisure, sport and transport**. The card is mutually recognised between EU countries participating in the system, on a voluntary basis.

Pilot countries

A pilot of the card was launched in February 2016 in a **group of eight EU countries**:

- [Belgium](#)
- [Cyprus](#)
- [Estonia](#)
- [Finland](#)
- [Italy](#)
- [Malta](#)
- [Romania](#)
- [Slovenia](#)

The card does not change national eligibility criteria or rules. Member States retain their discretion to decide who is eligible to receive the Card, using the national definition of disability, and to determine the issuing procedure.

Assessment

In 2019 the European Commission has started the assessment process of the initiative. The assessment study will provide a comprehensive and concise review, analysis and assessment of the implementation of the pilot project, to facilitate the possible wider implementation of the disability card in the EU.

Read more: <https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1139&langId=en>

EDF IS PLANNING SEVERAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS TO DETERMINE OUR POSITION AND FURTHER DEVELOP OUR VISION OF THE DISABILITY CARD

As, however, that those advantages are “nice to have” and even though they can make a difference, EDF thinks that there is a need for a Card that goes beyond this purpose to really facilitate free movement for persons with disabilities in the EU. So before being able to hold the Card, many questions remain open.

The Strategy is very vague on the how such a Card could look like, what advantages it will cover, what legal form will be needed to establish it, and who will be eligible for it. All of this will now need to be determined.

Therefore, EDF is planning several meetings and events to determine their position and further develop their vision of the Disability Card as they would like to see it. Bearing in mind that the EU decision-making procedures take time, 2023 is not far off.

How to participate

Save the date for their online workshop on the Disability Card : **16 September, 10:00 – 12:00 CET**

GOOD NEWS

Donation of Slovakian company DEDOLES to EDSA.



The Socks Challenge Campaign 2021 of DEDOLES supports the European Down Syndrome Association with a donation of 5000 Euro.

Isidro Moyano, the treasurer of EDSA met with Kristína Vísková in the Dedoles Shop in Prague. Ms. Vísková handed over the donation voucher for EDSA (5000 Euro). EDSA is very grateful with this generous donation. Thank you DEDOLES!

What is the Socks Challenge Campaign?

#SocksChallenge is organized by DEDOLES www.dedoles.com and held every year on 21 March and is associated with World Down Syndrome Day. On this day, two different socks are worn to celebrate human uniqueness. All those who want to show solidarity and support people with Down syndrome and their families are welcome to join the challenge. At the same time, this campaign helps spread awareness that human individuality makes this world more beautiful, colourful, interesting, and inspiring.

DEDOLES – BEST SELLING PRODUCTS ARE SOCKS!

The company DEDOLES has been selling cheerful products for 8 years and operates in 20 European countries through their e-shops.

As their best-selling products are socks, which are also a symbol of World Down Syndrome Day, the company management decided to support people with Down Syndrome through the Socks Challenge.

DEDOLES have implemented Socks Challenge campaign for 3 years and just finished

its 4th campaign. The campaign goal is to use their marketing potential to raise awareness about people with Trisomy 21 and at the same time to dedicate part of the March sale of socks to organizations which support people with Down syndrome.

DONATIONS TO DS ASSOCIATIONS

2020 the company managed to inform more than 700,000 people about Down syndrome through the massive information campaign Sock Challenge and donated € 8000 to the Slovak organization Spoločnosť Downovho synrómu na Slovensku and another € 2,533 to Down Syndrome International (DSi).

In 2021 DEDOLES wanted to support people with Trisomie 21 again. A large amount was divided between the Slovak Spoločnosť Downovho synrómu na Slovensku, as DEDOLES is a Slovak company; as well as to Down Syndrome International (DSi) and to the European Down Syndrome Association (EDSA), as both provide support to organizations in other countries through information, education, coordination, and other projects. Also the Czech DS association became a donation.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT DEDOLES AND DOWN SYNDROME

DEDOLES created web pages in 13 languages with some information about DS, about problems which people with DS and their families suffer and info about the Socks Challenge, see www.sockschallenge.com or www.ponozkovavyzva.sk

NEWS FROM EDSA MEMBERS

AIPD presents “The album of workers 1992–2020”



In 1992, the Italian Association of people with Down Syndrome (AIPD) placed the first person with Down syndrome in a workplace.

Today there are 175 employees with a permanent contract in the AIPD network.

Rome, 29 April 2021 – “I’ve got it, I’ve got it, I miss it”. Many workers with Down syndrome have a job thanks to AIPD. However, many of them still lack one: [the Album of Workers 1992-2020](#), which AIPD is launching on the occasion of May Day, is dedicated especially to them. It was 1992, in fact, when the association placed the first person with Down syndrome in a workplace. Today there are 175 workers with permanent contracts in the AIPD network (many others have fixed-term contracts or are having apprenticeships): nine of these “champions” are portrayed in the album’s figurines, but many spaces are still empty. This is why AIPD is calling on individuals and companies: “Would you like to help us to fill them in?”.

The game is simple, just like an exchange of stickers between children: by clicking on the empty space, you can select “company” or “private person”: in the first case, “fill in the form and we will help you to find the right person, train them and place them in their future workplace”. Anyone, on the other hand, can support AIPD’s work inclusion projects by making a donation online through [the dedicated page](#).

Who are the nine ‘champions’... The cards already included in the album are the proof that working is beautiful and possible for people with Down syndrome: on the back of each picture is not only the name, AIPD’s branch and the company of reference, but also a brief testimony of the worker portrayed. “I get on very well with all my colleagues, the director and the managers. I do my job well, it’s very important for me. I like going there a lot,” says Italo Maddalena, a dining room attendant at Mc Donald’s in Rome. Andrea Oggiano, canteen attendant at DSU University of Pisa, rejoices: “I have realised my dream: I’m working!”. “I really like working in a parapharmacy because it allows me to see many people and make myself known. I say this is my kingdom!”, assures Alessandra Cappello, shop assistant at Parafarmacia Partigiani in Puglia.

... and 175 permanent AIPD workers. One year after its thirtieth anniversary, AIPD has set itself the objective of “completing” the album, enriching on the one hand

the team of workers with Down syndrome, and on the other hand the companies that would like to benefit from their contribution. And to prove that the enterprise is beautiful and possible, it publishes [the list of permanent employees in the AIPD network](#), together with an indication of the main companies with which AIPD has collaborated.

IwantWork: the appeal of the Valueable European network. Not only Italy: for the 1st of May, also the European network for the labour inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities in the hospitality sector, [Valueable](#), of which AIPD is the leader, launches the slogan, the hashtag and the appeal “I want to work”: an appeal that sounds particularly strong, when the whole world has stopped for more than a year and many workers are in trouble. It is precisely for this reason that the campaign launched by the network, which includes six European countries, takes on a special meaning and value today: it has the task of making the voices of these people heard, for whom work also means social inclusion and autonomy. All people with Down Syndrome or intellectual disabilities who are working and/or looking for work can participate. The request was to publish a post on social media, between 30 April and 3 May 2021, with the message “I want to work”, accompanied by the hashtag #InternationalWorkersDay #ValueableNetwork #IwantWork and with the tag of the association of reference, the employing company and @ValueableNetwork.

MAKE THIS NEWSLETTER REALLY YOURS!

Have you got any news that we could publish in EDSA newsletter?
Please send us any information you would like to announce and we shall be happy to disseminate it all over Europe!

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