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### EDSA WEBINAR



#### **Inclusion – the simple thing, that is hard to do? Our common ground: Human Rights**

Date: **Wednesday, 15. June 2022**, 17.00 h. CET, per Zoom

Speaker: **Ines Boban**

Translation: Croatian, French, German, Turkish and Ukrainian (to be confirmed)

Registration

Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/6716538960068/WN\\_UKRumgfYcGeP6WhgZYa1Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/6716538960068/WN_UKRumgfYcGeP6WhgZYa1Q)

In this session Ines Boban strengthens the human rights approach to an inclusive education – also by using an INDEX FOR INCLUSION. Some aspects may help to understand, why quite a simple idea sometimes is not easy to realise in cultures, policies and practices. But there are ways – always and everywhere, – where people build circles!

#### **Biography**



Ines Boban was lucky to be part of the integration and later inclusion movement in Germany since the beginning in the 1980s. She worked for eleven years in a comprehensive school in Hamburg and for many years at the Universities of Hamburg and Halle (Saale). Her main topic was inclusive education with the aspects of school development, the connection to democratic education and person centered planning. Together with her husband Andreas Hinz she adapted the Index for Inclusion for schools in German speaking countries. And very often she facilitates support-circles for persons

with DS and their families and friends!

## DOWN QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY



Dear EDSA Members,

We are writing to ask for your participation in a **new international research project**. A team of international Down syndrome organizational leaders, led by clinicians from Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital, created a survey to study quality of life in people with Down syndrome around the world.

European Down Syndrome Association has not shared your contact information with these researchers; instead, we have agreed to forward their message to you. Only if you choose to respond will the researchers have your contact information. We encourage you to participate in these important efforts.

The goal of this project is to understand the quality of life of people with Down syndrome in every country of the world. By gathering data from organizations that support people with Down syndrome, the researchers want to measure many aspects of life for people with Down syndrome across the lifespan. They also hope to identify specific reasons why some countries are doing better than others—including law and policy, environment, health system, and other factors.

We are asking a **leader of each Down syndrome organization to complete one survey**. We expect this person will need to consult with others about some factual questions. We may ask multiple organizations in each country to complete the survey; please answer for your organization alone. Once information is gathered, we anticipate that it will take about 30-40 minutes to complete the online survey.

Here the study: <https://redcap.partners.org/redcap/surveys/?s=NRPWHHH8HL>.  
Here you will find [a document](#) with more information about the study.

The lead investigator, Dr. Brian Skotko, would be happy to answer any of your questions and can be contacted by email at [BSKOTKO@mgh.harvard.edu](mailto:BSKOTKO@mgh.harvard.edu) or phone at +1-617-643-3196. We hope that with this study, we will be able to make life better for many people with Down syndrome around the world.

Thank you for all of your help,  
Dan Kats, MD  
Pediatrics Resident  
Massachusetts General Hospital for Children  
Harvard Medical School

## EDF/ 6TH HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT



Dear EDSA members,

The EDF has launched the 6th Human Rights Report on Political Participation.

Here you will find the [PDF of the report](#) as well as an easy to read copy [easy to read copy](#).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDSA MEMBERS



Hello!

We're Paralym Art.

Paralym Art is an organization which aims to support those with disabilities through art, by providing art created by people with disabilities to companies and organizations throughout Japan.

Starting on June 1st, 2022, we're holding the 5th Paralym Art World Cup, an art contest in which artists with disabilities from all around the world can participate!

We'd like to invite many to participate, and so we are contacting you to introduce ourselves.

Applications can be done online, and it's free to apply!

The theme for this year's Cup is "Future".

Please express the "future" you imagine to your heart's content!

The deadline for applications is August 31st, 2022.

There is a prize of ¥300,000 for the Grand Prix, and ¥100,000 for second place!

For more information, please see: [https://paralymart-wc.com/2022/index\\_en.html](https://paralymart-wc.com/2022/index_en.html)

If you are able to participate, we'd like to ask for your cooperation in filling out a survey.

Please respond using the URL below.

<https://forms.gle/HoybQ9hR3bFLFG29A>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

We look forward to the submission of your original artwork!

## NEWS FROM EDSA MEMBERS

### DOWN WITHOUT BARRIERS PROJECT



The first event of Erasmus+ project Down Without Barriers, took place in Istanbul on May 2022 for one week. The Down Syndrome Association of Türkiye General Secretary Fulya Ekmen and Program Coordinator Merve Özman gave trainings to 20 participants from Türkiye, Italy, Greece and Romania about adaptation of methods and materials when working with people Down syndrome.

“DOWN – Without barriers!”, is an Erasmus+ KA-1 project, financed by the Erasmus + Programme of the European Union, which will be implemented by Direcția de Asistență Socială și Medicală (Cluj-Napoca, Romania) as coordinator, in partnership with Asociația AGA Down Sindrom Cluj (Cluj-Napoca, Romania), Asociația Babilon Travel (Cluj-Napoca, Romania), The Municipality of Fyli (Greece), Down Sendromu Dernegi (Turkey) and Associazione Italiana Persone Down Onlus (Italy).

The purpose of this project is creating/ensuring a favorable context for promoting diversity, intercultural dialogue for young people (with and without Down Syndrome) and social inclusion, as well as improving the professional competences of youth workers in the activities carried out with young people with and without Down Syndrome.

The specific objectives of the project are: contributing to the development of the professional competencies of 20 youth workers from 4 countries and to raising their awareness in their work with youngsters with down syndrome, within a training course, held in Istanbul, Turkey (time frame to be decided); contributing to the optimization of the quality of work with youngsters with down syndrome of 20 youth workers and to the development of suitable working tools, adapted to the needs of the target group, by creating a good practice manual as a result of the training course; contributing to the development of the learning and communication performances, of the initiative spirit and self-esteem, their intercultural awareness and to facilitating access to labor market for 24 youngsters with and without Down Syndrome, within a 7 days youth exchange held in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

## EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



## EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

*The article below illustrates the call promoted by the European Commission in the framework of the European Solidarity Corps programme. EDSA members could apply and take the opportunity to host young European volunteers in their organisations to support activities and projects.*

### European Solidarity Corps

#### The power of together

Your organisation may be eligible to apply for European Solidarity Corps funding to develop projects for the good of communities and society as a whole. We work with a wide range of organisations active in areas including:

- encouraging democratic participation
- fighting social exclusion
- protecting nature
- promoting health and wellbeing
- promoting education and training
- working with migrant communities.

If your project gets approved, you will have access to a pool of motivated young people between 18 and 30 years old on the European Solidarity Corps portal. Your organisation will be able to advertise opportunities or search and get in touch with potential participants.

European Solidarity Corps funding has several advantages for your organisation. It can:

- enable you to do more
- help you tap into the skills and enthusiasm of highly motivated young people
- enable you to create links with young people by offering them a meaningful learning experience
- bring fresh ideas into your organisation's day-to-day work
- forge stronger links with the local community.

European Solidarity Corps can support:

Volunteering strand

- *Volunteering activities*
  - Individual
  - In teams
  - Volunteering teams in high-priority areas
- *Solidarity Projects*

2022 call

The 2022 call for project proposals has been published. Please consult the documents and tools provided below.

Notice in the Official Journal of the European Union

[CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2022 - EAC/A10/2021 European Solidarity Corps \(2021/C 464/05\)](#)

[European Solidarity Corps Guide 2022](#)

The European Solidarity Corps Guide 2022 is essential reading for anyone interested in applying. It details the conditions governing the projects you can apply for under the general call for proposals.

#### **Application procedure**

For the **decentralised** activities managed by National Agencies please apply using the [Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps page](#).

For the **centralised** activities managed by the European Education and Culture Executive Agency information about the application forms and selection procedure will be available on the EACEA's website and [Funding & tender opportunities portal](#).

#### **Let us try to explain the difference between the two main actions of the European Solidarity Corps: Volunteering activities and Solidarity projects**

##### *Volunteering activities:*

Volunteering activities provide opportunities for young people to take part in solidarity activities and help address identified needs within local communities and contribute to overcoming important social challenges on the ground. Volunteering can take place in a country other than the country of residence of the participant (cross-border) or in the country of residence of the participant (in-country). The scope of volunteering projects is broad and covers a wide range of areas, such as environmental protection, climate change mitigation or greater social inclusion.

Volunteering activities can be done in groups or individually.

##### *Solidarity projects:*

A solidarity project should have an impact on the local community by addressing local issues, targeting specific groups (people with fewer opportunities facing situations that make it more difficult for them to be included in society) or developing local opportunities (particularly in communities in rural, isolated or marginalised areas)

but also by involving different actors and developing new partnerships. While foreseeing an impact on the local community, proposals must have a clear European added value, addressing relevant priorities at EU level.

These projects must be developed and implemented by groups of at least 5 young participants in the European Solidarity Corps in order to address the main issues and challenges of their local community.

Deadlines for submission of applications specified below end at 12.00 (noon), Brussels time.

Volunteering Projects	(optional round) 4 October 2022
Solidarity Projects	4 October 2022

## 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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