



**Building truly inclusive communities –
Fostering multi-actor partnerships and local strategies around disability**

17 March 2026, 9am-1pm

Easier accessibility to public spaces and transport, pictograms and audiovisual support in museums, anti-discrimination clauses in job selection processes, ..., ... - not at least since the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2006 and the publication of the first European Disability Strategy in 2010 an increasing number of cities and regions all over Europe took action. In some places this happened faster and in a more comprehensive way - going also beyond basic legal requirements - than in others.

Yet, persons with disabilities, their families and service providers often point to the fact that many of the measures taken are still too often rather punctual and only a part of a jigsaw in which many pieces – though interdependent in their success from one another - are still missing. Silo-type policy-making, a lack of visibility and mutual knowledge of the different public and private players active in the field, or a general lack of awareness on challenges met by persons with disabilities are only some of the obstacles.

How can they be overcome?

How can local governments, social economy and other local actors, together with persons with disabilities, bring all their knowledge and ideas together to create synergies and develop actions breaking down all barriers for the latter – allowing for their full participation in all spheres of life, be it regarding employment, entrepreneurship, education, leisure and culture, or political participation?

We would like to warmly invite you to join us for a morning of peer exchange in which you will have the possibility to:

- Discover varied training material developed by organisations from five EU Member States to encourage joint reflections between different local actors on how to make their neighbourhood/municipality/region more inclusive;
- Meet inspiring practice examples seeking to adopt new approaches;
- Share your own experiences and discuss possible implications for policy-makers and other players.

Agenda

9.00 Introduction to the ICALL initiative and the event

9.15-9.45 Presentation of the ICALL training material first module: The rights of people with disabilities to live independently and participate in the community

9.45-10.05 CLIC – Local Council for Inclusion Cascais (PT), presented by Liliana Sintra and Filipa Pereira, City of Cascais (PT)

More than 40 organisations are forming the Cascais Local council for Inclusion. The Council aims to create links between different local actors, persons with disabilities and their families so as to stimulate joint actions improving quality of life of persons with disabilities and their participation in all spheres of life.

10.05-10.35 Presentation of the ICALL training material second module: Support and services for community participation

10.35-10.55 Dopo di Noi (“After us”), presented by Teresa Vieri, Department for Health, Welfare and Social Cohesion, Tuscany Region (IT)

The future of their child is a main concern for ageing parents of individuals with disabilities. The initiative Dopo di Noi, developed amongst others in the Italian Region of Tuscany, unites a diversity of local and regional actors to prepare comprehensive strategies enabling persons with disabilities to transition towards independent living ...

10.55 -11.15 Break

11.15 – 11.45 Presentation of the ICALL training material third module: Accessibility in communities

11.45 – 12.10 Presentation of the ICALL training material fourth module: Participation and experts by experience

12.10-12.30 Prima Bude – jointly planning inclusive places, presented by Maud Materson, Pfefferwerk Stadtkultur gGmbH and Manuel Lutz, Inklusiv Wohnen/Stattbau Stadtentwicklungsgesellschaft

Accompanied by a social economy actor and an urban development agency, young persons with disabilities and students have been creating their shared living space together – trusting on the expertise & experience everyone of them brought along, using new ways to express themselves and make themselves understand, creating visions and perspectives ...

12.30-13.00 Concluding Roundtable

- Tomasz Włodarski, Malopolska Institute for Culture (PL)
- Anders Bro, Region Örebro County (SE)
- Diego Mayordomo, FAMDIF/Murcia Region (ES)



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