

EMPLOYMENT & CHRONIC DISEASES: NEW PATHWAYS IN EUROPE

International Conference

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PATHWAYS PROJECT

(Participation To Healthy Workplaces And inclusive Strategies in the Work Sector)

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The International PATHWAYS Conference will present the results
and policy recommendations to support employment
of people with chronic diseases in Europe

The problem: Long-term health problems constitute a greater risk of income poverty, social exclusion, severe material deprivation, and lower work intensity. Moreover, persons with longstanding health problems face higher rates of unemployment and inactivity. The rising prevalence of chronic diseases as well as the current economic crisis make the issue even more problematic, requiring actions in terms of innovative strategies to improve the participation of individuals with chronic diseases, that often experience work-related problems.

The answer: The response of EU Commission to the need for better knowledge on innovative strategies to improve participation in the labor market and to the need of having a stronger focus on reintegration or inclusion into employment, is provided by the 3-years European PATHWAYS Project- PArticipation To Healthy Workplaces And inclusive Strategies in the Work Sector(2015-2018). The project aimed to:

1. **IDENTIFY** INTEGRATION AND REINTEGRATION TO WORK STRATEGIES FOR PERSONS WITH CHRONIC DISEASES IN EUROPE
2. **EVALUATE** THEIR EFFECTIVENESS
3. **ASSESS** SPECIFIC EMPLOYMENT RELATED **NEEDS** OF PERSONS WITH CHRONIC DISEASES
4. TO DEVELOP **EUROPEAN POLICY GUIDELINES AND RECCOMENDATIONS** SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EFFECTIVE PROFESSIONAL INTEGRATION AND REINTEGRATION STRATEGIES.

Agenda

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Host MEP Stefano Maullu
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- 9.00 – 10.00** **Registration & Accreditation**
Meeting point: Altiero Spinelli (ASP) entrance in front of Place du Luxembourg
- 10:00 - 10:05** **Welcome note by host MEP Stefano Maullu, Group of the European People's Party.**
- 10.05 – 10.15** **Opening**
Anne Marie Yazbeck, CHAFEA Project Officer
Ingrid Keller, DG Sante Policy Officer.
Matilde Leonardi, EU Pathways Project Coordinator
- 1° PANEL** **EMPLOYMENT AND CHRONIC DISEASES: THE EUROPEAN SITUATION – THE PATHWAYS PROJECT RESULTS**
- 10.15 – 10.25** **Employment & chronic conditions: overview on Pathways project**
Chiara Scaratti, *Neurological Institute C. Besta IRCCS Foundation, Italy*
- 10.25 – 10.35** **Mapping strategies in Europe: where and which are the gaps?**
Sabrina Ferraina- European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities, *Pathways project partner*
- 10.35 – 10.45** **Effectiveness of employment strategies: how data can support policies?**
Carla Sabariego - Ludwig-Maximilians- Universität, Germany, *Pathways project partner*
- 10.45 – 10.55** **The voice of chronic patients: an European survey**
Jose Luis Ayuso, Maria Cabello, - Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain, *Pathways project partner*

2° PANEL - THE FUTURE OF EMPLOYMENT AND CHRONIC DISEASES IN EUROPE

- 10.55 – 11.20** **Pathways Policy recommendations: a support for action and policy development for EU Parliament and European Countries**
Matilde Leonardi, *Pathways Project Coordinator*
- 11.20 – 11.30** **The Joint Statement on “Improving the employment of people with chronic diseases in Europe”**
Prof. Raymond Vanholder, *European Chronic Diseases Alliance*
- 11.30 -12.15** **Panel discussion: implementing Policy recommendations on employment for people with chronic diseases**
Moderators: Prof. Jerome Bickenbach, Prof. Anastasia Vlachou

Katie Gallagher, *European Patient Forum*
Fred Destrebecq, *European Brain Council*
Donna Walsh, *European Federation of Neurological Associations*
Antonio Sarria, *Project Coordinator of the JA CHRODIS Plus*
Giuseppe Iuliano, *CESE/EESC - European Economic and Social Committee*

Followed by open floor discussion with all participants, including interested MEPs

- 12.15 – 12.30** **Next steps for people with chronic diseases in employment**
Matilde Leonardi, Project Coordinator
Anne Marie Yazbeck, CHAFEA Project Officer
Ingrid Keller, DG Sante Policy Officer.

