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Luk Zelderloo, EASPD Secretary General: "Editorial: Renewed energies, hope and excitement". [Read more](http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/editorial-renewed-energies-hope-and-excitement)

EASPD NEWS

EASPD Secretariat starts 2016 with a new working structure

To inaugurate the New Year, EASPD announces the new working structure of its Secretariat that was approved by its Executive Committee and Board in 2015. **[Read more](http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/easpd-secretariat-starts-2016-new-working-structure)**

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EASPD organizes in cooperation with the Alliance of Organisations for People with Disabilities from Moldova and with the support of EuryAid, Zero Project, Inclusion Europe, Unicef Moldova and SOIR Moldova is organising, the 21st-22nd April 2016, an international conference in Chisinau, Moldova on the state of play of early childhood intervention in Europe. [Read more](http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/registration-next-easpd-conference-growing-together-chisinau-now-open) (<http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/registration-next-easpd-conference-growing-together-chisinau-now-open>)

Save the date! EASPD 20th anniversary celebration "Join the Trip! 20 Years on the Road"

In 2016, EASPD celebrates its 20th anniversary. Under the slogan "Join the Trip! 20 Years on the Road", EASPD will organise exciting events and activities which will bring service providers, persons with disabilities, decision makers and other partners and stakeholders together in Brussels. [Read more](http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/join-trip-20-years-road) (<http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/join-trip-20-years-road>)

Registration still open for EASPD training "Building a School for All" in Rome

The 2016 EASPD training course offers a framework to develop and promote inclusive education, as well as a hands-on experience in the planning of such an approach. The programme will cover topics such as the implementation of article 24 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, inclusion and inclusive education in your country, the principles of universal design for learning and reasonable accommodation, among others. [Read more](http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/registration-still-open-easpd-training-building-school-all-rome) (<http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/registration-still-open-easpd-training-building-school-all-rome>)

OPEN CALLS

ZERO PROJECT 2016: Call for Nominations on Early Childhood Intervention – Deadline: 24th January 2016

The Zero Project and EASPD would like to invite leading experts and organizations to nominate innovative practices concerning Early Childhood Intervention. Submitting a nomination is easy: Read the instructions first and then complete the nomination form. Deadline 24 January 2016! [Read more](http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/zero-project-2016-call-nominations-early-childhood-intervention-deadline-24th-january-2016-0) (<http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/zero-project-2016-call-nominations-early-childhood-intervention-deadline-24th-january-2016-0>)

Call for entries: EASPD Photo Competition – Deadline: 27th March 2016

In the run-up to its 20th anniversary, the European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD) launches the photo competition Revealed & Unveiled. The photo competition wishes to highlight the work of service providers for persons with disabilities across Europe. [Read more](http://easpd.eu/en/content/easpd-photo-competition-revealed-unveiled) (<http://easpd.eu/en/content/easpd-photo-competition-revealed-unveiled>)

EUROPEAN NEWS

The House of Representatives of the Netherlands postpones the debate on the ratification of the UN Convention to 2016

The House of Representatives of the Netherlands has postponed the debate on the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) to 2016. Even though the coalition in government decided to ratify the Convention, the debate from December 2015 did not finished in the House of Representatives and is still ongoing. The Dutch government explains this by arguing that there are still plans to be put in place before the ratification. [Read more](http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/house-representatives-netherlands-postpones-debate-ratification-un-convention-2016) (<http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/house-representatives-netherlands-postpones-debate-ratification-un-convention-2016>)

EP Written Declaration on Promoting Inclusive Education Systems in Europe

The European Network on Inclusive Education and Disability supported the Written Declaration: Promoting inclusive education systems in Europe that gathered from 7 September to 7 December 2015 the signatures of 263 Members of the European Parliament. [Read more](http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/includ-ed-supported-european-parliament-written-declaration-promoting-inclusive-education) (<http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/includ-ed-supported-european-parliament-written-declaration-promoting-inclusive-education>)

PROJECT UPDATES

Support the Entelis Manifesto!

On the 12th and 13th of November 2015, The National Federation of voluntary Bodies Providing Services to People with Intellectual Disabilities hosted an Entelis seminar in Dublin, Ireland. Over these 2 days, the Entelis partnership finalized and launched the Entelis Manifesto. [Read more](http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/support-entelis-manifesto) (<http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/support-entelis-manifesto>)

Save the date! 2016 ICCHP Conference in Austria

The 2016 International Conference on Computer helping persons with special needs (ICCHP) will be held from 13 to 15 July 2016 in Linz, Austria. The partners of the ENTELIS network organise a special session within the framework of the conference. [Read more](http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/save-date-2016-icchp-conference-austria) (<http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/save-date-2016-icchp-conference-austria>)

FROM OUR MEMBERS

Conference in Bratislava on the Labor Market and Social Integration of Youth with Disabilities

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The partners of the project AJuPID (Access to Justice for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities) organise from 10 to 11 March 2016 in Sofia, Bulgaria, a conference to reflect on the implementation of articles 12 and 13 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD).

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EASPD is organising a roundtable on the role of the European Court of Human Rights in promoting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; the policy framework provided by the Council of Europe in advancing the rights of European citizens and in particular of persons with intellectual disabilities and the role of support service providers in the implementation of Article 12 (Equal recognition before the law) and of Article 13 (Access to justice) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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The right to employment is universal and ending poverty among people with disabilities is the main goal of the project "Poverty and Employment", carried out by the organization Tenenet and supported by EEA Grants and Norway Grants. Within the framework of that project, Tenenet organised a conference that took place on the 24-25 November 2015, to present the main outcomes of the project. **[Read more](http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/2015-conference-bratislava-labor-market-and-social-integration-youth-disabilities#)** (<http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/2015-conference-bratislava-labor-market-and-social-integration-youth-disabilities#>)

Save the date: The Open Discovery Space Academy, 3 - 8 July 2016, in Attica, Greece

Registration for the summer training courses organised by the Open Discovery Space Academy is now open. The 2016 training courses will be held in Marathon (Greece) from 3 to 8 July and will be focused on innovation, creativity and inclusive learning methods. These training courses are addressed to teachers, education practitioners, educational professionals and other staff working in schools and education centers. **[Read more](http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/save-date-open-discovery-space-academy-3-8-july-2016-attica-greece)** (<http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/save-date-open-discovery-space-academy-3-8-july-2016-attica-greece>)

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- **20 April 2016. [EASPD Project Development Workshop \(http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/good-bad-and-ugly-2016-easpd-project-development-workshop-0\)](http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/good-bad-and-ugly-2016-easpd-project-development-workshop-0) "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly".**
- **21 - 22 April 2016. [Annual cross-sectorial conference in Chisinau "Growing Together"](http://www.easpd.eu/en/growing-together-moldova)** (<http://www.easpd.eu/en/growing-together-moldova>)



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