EMPLOYMENT & CHRONIC DISEASES: NEW PATHWAYS IN EUROPE
International Conference
EU Parliament, Room SQ1, Brussels
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9.30- 12.30

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PATHWAYS PROJECT

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 RECOMMENDATIONS SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EFFECTIVE PROFESSIONAL INTEGRATION AND REINTEGRATION STRATEGIES.
**Agenda**

**Tuesday 20th MARCH 2018**  
(EU Parliament, Brussels)  
*Host MEP Stefano Maullu*  
*Room 6Q1*

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

11.00 – 11.15  
**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.

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