



Save the date!
International conference
Employment of persons with disabilities
Raising awareness & employment opportunities
27-28 September 2013, Istanbul

Co-organized by the Ministry of Family and Social Policy of Turkey and EASPD; in close co-operation with the Turkish public employment agency (ISKUR), the RACE consortium and the Dolunay Association.

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The conference will tackle the main challenges preventing people with disabilities from enjoying fully their right to work: legislative frameworks, discriminative attitudes and lack of adequate support schemes.

We will look at the current situation and discuss future steps needed to facilitate access to the labour market for persons with disabilities. We will focus on the perspective of employees, looking at different approaches promoting employability, and on that of employers, by examining how they can be supported to successfully employ disabled people.

The topics will be discussed by multi-stakeholders panels composed of persons with disabilities, policy makers, representatives of employees and employers, authorities and support providers.

During the conference the best employment agencies and employers will receive an **official award**.

Overall conference goals

By sharing challenges and best practices the conference aims to remove barriers and to boost the employment for persons with disabilities. We will:

- highlight the impact of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and *the right to Work and Employment* (Art. 27)
- promote the *exchange between employers, employees, persons with disabilities and social services* show *models of good practice* that have evidence based results
- identify the necessary steps to create a positive *synergy between employers and employees*
- launch the building blocks of the new **EASPD Declaration on Employment**.

Registrations are open [here](#).

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