



## Abstract submission guidelines and conditions

The 13th EUSE Conference on Supported Employment – “Transitions” is proud to organize this event in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, from 27-29 May 2019. In 1993, the first Conference of the EUSE was held at the World Trade Centre, in the City of Rotterdam, and we are proud that, after 25 years, the 13th Conference is organized in the Netherlands once again!

The conference is being hosted by the Dutch Organisation of Supported Employment (NVS Support) and in cooperation with SUEM, the Belgian organisation for Supported Employment. The organisers have also used many networks within the Netherlands, the European Union and also the World Association (WASE) for Supported Employment.

The 13th Conference is an excellent opportunity to empower the transitions for inclusion and become inspired and invigorated by employment experts and to network with colleagues and peers from around Europe and the world.

We would like to invite all engaged in the employment arena from NGOs, policy makers, government agencies, recipients of employment services, academics and researchers to share their knowledge, skills and expertise on a range of themes intended to promote the model and best practice in Supported Employment.

Abstracts will be accepted for the following session to be held at the conference:

Session Type	Description/Duration	Delegates
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 Minutes Presentation.</li> <li>• 15 Minutes Questions &amp; Answers</li> </ul> 45 minutes total	100/150
Workshop	An interactive session sharing and informing practice and/or policy with an audience - to include activities and/or Question & answer sessions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45 Minutes</li> </ul>	30
Debate / Discussion Group	Lead discussion on topical subject - open forum or debate session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45 Minutes</li> </ul>	50

Data Collection/ Research/	Present Research followed by discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45 minutes</li> </ul>	50
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The purpose of the sessions is to present information and innovative approaches to employment for people with disabilities and people from other disadvantaged situations as well as to initiate discussion and debate regarding key issues.

Prospective speakers/presenters should view this as an opportunity to present **new knowledge, experiences and information and an opportunity to challenge delegates views.**

*Abstracts should not be an overview of projects or organisations.*

*Abstracts are particularly welcome from people with disabilities and people from disadvantaged situations.*

Size of the abstract: max 500 words

Stated objectives and outcome of presentation: max. 150 words)

The conference organisers will endeavour to make sessions available to a wide range of delegates including professionals working in employment initiatives and services, and representatives of disabled persons organisations at all levels:-

1. Operational / Direct Service Worker
2. Manager / Team Leader
3. Senior Manager
4. Decision Makers/Politicians
5. Users of employment services

### **Cross cutting themes**

- Best practice in supported employment services
- Data collection/research
- Pan Disability (i.e. physical, learning, mental health, sensory and hidden disability)
- People from other disadvantaged situations (i.e. young people not in education, employment or training, offenders and ex- prisoners, people recovering from substance abuse etc)
- Quality assurance/Quality standards

## The themes of the conference are

### Programme Line 1: Policy making and change of results

Goal - This programme line will examine what influences the politics and policies in our national and European networks through more collaboration and sharing impact to achieve results of Supported Employment. There is a need for closer links to political decision making both in attitudes and perceptions. Also, how to develop more visible and tangible strategies from the EU commission level to nation and regional work. We are looking for workshop content that will help delegates to influence change in policies and practice in areas of:-

- Changes in political thinking/models
- Mainstreaming – challenges and opportunities
- Inter-agency and multi-agency working
- Impact the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD) has had on the lives of people with disabilities.
- New developments and approaches (co-design and co-production) in developing new approaches and partnerships
- Managing Change/conversion
- Funding strategies and resources
- Influencing policies – local, national and global

Keywords for abstract submission:

- mainstreaming
- change in thinking / models
- change in strategies through influencing

### Programme Line 2: Delivering quality support - what works?

Goal - This theme will examine innovation and best practice within Supported Employment. We are looking for workshop content that will help delegates to improve practice in the areas of:

- Employer engagement;
- Transitions from education to work;
- Quality assurance;
- Commissioning services;
- Adapting to change;
- New ways of working;
- Interventions for people with significant disabilities.

Keywords for abstract submission:

- Innovation
- Best practice
- Commissioning
- Transitions
- Quality

## Programme line 3 : Transitions: careers and supported employment.

Goal - This theme will examine innovation and best practice in the life cycle of work: transition from no job to a job and in and between jobs. We are looking for workshop content that will help delegates to improve practice in the area of:

- Career Development/Career Planning
- Job Creation
- In work and ongoing support
- Job retention (both employees and self-employed)
- How to be on top of future employment trends
- Engaging with employers and employers' networks
- Employer Champions
- Business Case
- Advocacy – self and peer in employment
- Lifelong learning and diversity in the workplace
- Self-employment and entrepreneurship

Keywords for abstract submission:

- Career development
- Lifelong learning
- Self-employment
- Ongoing support

## Program Line 4: A Digital Future for Supported Employment

Goal - This programme will explore how new technology can benefit supported employment providers and the people they support (jobseekers, employees and employers). We will examine how organisations can access and embrace digital innovation to provide better support. We want to hear from organisations leading innovation through cutting edge technology and that can share their learning with their European counterparts.

Keywords for abstract submission:

- Social Media
- Mobile apps
- Assistive technology
- Software
- Digital skills
- Grants
- Innovation

## Selection criteria

The following presentation selection criteria will be applied to all submissions:

- Relevance of your abstract to the conference programme outline.
- Clear aims and objectives for the presentation in line with the programme line.
- Outcome of the presentation in line with the programme line.
- Experience of the presenter(s) to deliver to a range of and diverse audiences.
- Clarity of presentation.
- Maximum representation of global member states where possible.

## The Decision of the Selection Committee will be final

To submit an abstract please complete the Call for Abstracts Submission Form on line by **16:00hrs on 8 October 2018** (GMT)

No Submissions will be accepted after this date.

PLEASE NOTE ALL ABSTRACTS MUST BE TYPED AND BE PRESENTED IN THE OFFICIAL CONFERENCE LANGUAGE – ENGLISH.

## How to Submit

### Call for abstracts should be submitted on line

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## Terms & Conditions

- The Selection Committee decision will be final when choosing which applications will be included in the conference.
- The conference language is English and all Presentations and handouts must be in English.
- All prospective speakers will be notified **by Monday 26 November 2018**.
- Selected Speakers will be sent the provisional programme chosen by the Committee together with a speaker's registration form and documentation, being the formal notification of acceptance as a speaker. Any confirmed speaker who cancels their participation or fails to appear at the conference or arranges for a substitute to present the announced paper will jeopardize the right to present abstracts at future conferences (unless exceptional circumstances prevail).
- When submitting your abstract, you are requested to send a biography and photograph to the Conference Secretariat to be included in the Conference information, if and when you are selected as a presenter. This must be submitted **upon submission of your abstract**.
- Conference organisers will provide standard Power Point template pack to all successful presenters.

- All speakers who are selected for the abstracts will be sent full details and the official speaker's registration form well in advance of the event.
- In order to benefit from the early registration fee, speakers should register before 15 March 2019. Hotel Accommodation and travel costs are the responsibility of all accepted speakers who are notified that they are included in the official programme.
- These terms and conditions are accepted and binding by each speaker/author who is confirmed as a participant in the official programme of the 13th EUSE Conference on Supported Employment.
- The organizers retain the right to adjust or modify these terms and conditions at any time according to the circumstances applicable to the final programme.