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Enabling & Including Young People
with Complex & Intense Support Needs

Project Enablin+

Enablin+ is a European multi-lateral cooperation project in the area of vocational training – within the LEONARDO programme of the Life Long Learning Programme of the European Commission. Its objective is to contribute to enabling children and youth with complex and intense support needs, and the people who support them, to participate more actively in ordinary life, in families, at school, and other community life. In order to reach this objective, Enablin+ will develop an interprofessional in-service training programme. *The enablin+ partners wish you a very happy and successful 2016!*



May 2015

There is music in girls with Rett syndrome

In May 2015, Italian Enablin+ partner Marina Rodocanachi and Kumiko Toshimori of the Don Gnocchi Foundation (Milan) presented their work on music therapy with girls with Rett syndrome at the prestigious conference of the European Academy of Childhood Disability in Copenhagen.

[Read more.](#)



And will you say yes to inclusion?

Tima wants to ask you something. We are curious for your answer. Do you #sayyes? Luk Dewulf and Inge Wagemakers made this 2' video to increase awareness and to show that removing barriers to inclusive education will start in people's minds.

[View movie.](#)



November 2015

Developing European Enablin+ Training

Dutch Enablin+ partner Nijland & Kroes is workpackage leader to finalize the development of an interprofessional in-service training for people working with children with complex and intensive support needs, which will be tried out during 2016 in the 8 Enablin+ partner countries.

[Read more.](#)

Enablin+ partner Karin Dom Centre (Varna, Bulgaria) in Unicef's compedium of good practices

Karin Dom's Early Intervention Programme was included in Unicef's collection of best practices which help children under three years to grow up in a safe and supportive family environment. [Read more.](#)

Changes needed in the supportive environment for children with special educational needs at kindergartens. During the International Conference held by Karin Dom Foundation

on September 25th 2015, good practices were presented all over Bulgaria. We saw the positive results of the cooperation between social service providers and institutions; we learned about a number of easy to apply approaches for improvement of the environment at kindergartens and how to establish more effective communication between parents and teachers. [Read more.](#)



September 2015

News from Belgium

In February 2015 a new course started at the University of Antwerp (BE), together with the Regional Network on Mental Health of the Province of Antwerp (OGGPA) on the theme "managing challenging behaviour" in adolescents and young adults with autistic spectrum disorder and/or intellectual disability. [Read more.](#)

Medical students think 'more than medical' in getting experience with children with CISN. [Read more.](#)

Transforming residential care to multifunctional resource centres, helps to realize inclusive education. A reform has been conducted in the Flemish Agency for Persons with Disability (which is the governmental agency financing all initiatives oriented at persons with disability). The centres dealing with children with a disability (whether residential, semi-residential, or ambulatory) have to provide their services in a more inclusive way, in order to facilitate participation in the community. They are now called "multi-functional centres" (MFC). [Read more.](#)

The thematic Enablin+ week is planned in May 2016, by joining forces with Multiplus. In Belgium, we made an alliance with Multiplus, the training & resource centre in the area of people with profound intellectual and multiple disabilities for Dutch-speaking Belgians. Multiplus is directed by Professor Bea Maes of Leuven University. The theme of this week of conferences, workshops and study visits, is "integration of care and education". [Read more.](#)

Save the date: International Train-the-trainer Course & Conference, Milan, 22-24 September 2016 - and other upcoming events. [Read more.](#)

News from Italy

The Vismara team realized the third part of the project 'Sitting at their place' in India. [Read more.](#)

In July 2015 Don Gnocchi organized an inclusive summer camp at Vismara Rehabilitation Centre (photo), also sponsored by the Fondazione Milan (the famous football club's social action).

The University of Milan, School of Medicine, Specialization School in Child Neurology and Psychiatry, asked Marina Rodocanachi to teach PIMD assessment and intervention to specializing doctors from 2016-17. Up till now, the theory and practice of children with Complex and Intense Support Needs, has been a neglected, virtually non-existent part in basic or specialistic medical studies. Thanks to Enablin+, this has now changed.

In August 2015 Don Gnocchi Foundation approved the creation of a Department of Child Neuropsychiatry



July 2015

and Rehabilitation: 10 services for child rehabilitation which belong to the Don Gnocchi Foundation. These services are still working as separate structures and will coordinate to work in a planned and integrated way to develop a highly specialized department in clinical and research field. The main centre is the Santa Maria Nascente Institute for Rehabilitation and Scientific Research in Rehabilitation. The other services are located in Milan (Vismara Centre), in Lombardia, Marche, Lazio and Campania Regions.



March 2015

Partnermeeting

The partners in Wijhe (the Netherlands) during the 3th partnermeeting. This meeting was dedicated to work package 3: interdisciplinary In-service training development. [Read more.](#)



March 2015

Mini-symposium

In March 2015, Dutch Enablin+ partner Nijland & Kroes organised a successful mini-symposium about examples of good practices in activation and inclusion of children with CISN. [Have a look at the presentations.](#)



July 2015

Inclusive Summer Camp

Inclusive summer camp in Edolo (Northern Italy), with 15 families of children with intellectual disability (among them a few with CISN), siblings, volunteers, and staff of the Centro Imparole and Enablin+. [Read more.](#)