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EUROPEAN DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

SUMMIT AGENDA

📍 Istanbul, Türkiye • 📅 24th October

09:00

Registration and Welcome coffee

09:30–09:45

Opening the Conversation on Inclusive Education

- E. Gün Bilgin / President, Down Syndrome Association of Türkiye
- Dinka Vukovic / President, European Down Syndrome Association
- Prof. Dr. Atilla Cavkaytar / Head of the Department of Special Education, Maltepe University; Member of the Scientific Committee and Advisory Board of the Türkiye Down Syndrome Association
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Otrar / Director General of the General Directorate of Special Education and Guidance Services, Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye

09:45–09:55

Türkiye: Legal Framework and Key issues

- Cansu Korkmaz / Attorney at Law; Board member of Türkiye Down Syndrome Association

09:55–10:00

The Role of the European Union and Member States on Inclusive Education

- Katrin Langensiepen MEP / Member of the European Parliament (The Greens/European Free Alliance) Vice-Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (on video)

Inclusive Education in Europe

10:00–10:30

Where Europe Stands: Is Inclusive Education a Reality?

- José Gutiérrez Caballero / Vice President, European Down Syndrome Association

10:30–11:00

Building an Inclusive Education Ecosystem: What Stakeholders Need to Know

(Speaker to be confirmed)

11:00–11:30

Share, Connect and Recharge: Poster Presentations and Coffee Break

11:30–12:00

The Foundations of Inclusion: 10 Pillars for Every School

- Antonella Mangiaracina / Activity Manager, European Agency for Inclusive Education

12:00–12:30

Making Education Accessible: The Power of Easy Language

- Nils Wöbke / Director, Landesverband der Lebenshilfe Mecklenburg-Vorpommern e.V.

12:30–14:00

Share, Connect and Recharge: Poster Presentations and Lunch Break

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From Policy to Practice: How to Make it Real

14:00–15:30

Classroom Practices from Across Europe

🇨🇭 Switzerland — Monica Induni

🇹🇷 Türkiye — Barış Yıldız

🇮🇹 Italy — Carlotta Leonori

🇬🇪 Georgia — Ketevan Arjevanidze

🇭🇷 Croatia — Drazenka Kovacevic

🇭🇷 Croatia — Dinka Vukovic

🇩🇪 Germany — Michaela Hilgner

15:30–16:00

Share, Connect and Recharge: Poster Presentations and Coffee Break

16:00–16:30

Self-Advocates Shaping Inclusive Education

- Georgia — Teodora Gelashvili
- Georgia — Gigo Shiukashvili
- Türkiye — Şevval Arapoğlu & Şule Özçelik
- Croatia — Ana Paula Kovacevic
- France/Switzerland — Theophile Planchamp

Forum session: Turning Shared Ideas into Action

LET'S DO IT TOGETHER

16:30–17:30

Creating a European Manifesto for Inclusive Education

Discussion questions:

- What actions are expected from governments to make schools inclusive?
- What actions are expected from the European Parliament to encourage effective inclusive education policies?

17:30–18:00

Q&A and Closing Discussion