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Agenda for PPP Workshop



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Paving the Path to Participation

Research and experience show that many people with MS want to work and are fit for work. Due to the fluctuating nature of the condition and misinformed attitudes to people with MS, employers are unaware as to how to approach any issues. The EMSP Pathway to Participation will highlight how simple changes (educated staff, flexible working, access, work planning) and adjustments would support people to continue working to their professional ambitions. The more people with MS and other life-long conditions have access to fulfilling work, the better for all society.

Time	Item	Lead
9:30-10:00	Registration. Tea/coffee and networking	
10:00-10:15	Welcome and introduction Why Paving the Path to Participation?	Maggie Alexander, EMSP Chief Executive
10:15-10:35	Presentations of the challenges and needs in Employment and workplaces highlighted by previous projects and initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working with a chronic condition (short video)• Outcomes of the initiative of the European Network for Workplace Health Promotion• Integrating research & practice into a European Employer's Charter: outlines of the proposal	Elisabeth Kasilingam, EMSP Programme Manager Emma Rogan, EMSP Project Coordinator

10:35-10:55	Questions & Answers Discussion on the proposed draft European Employer's Charter	Moderator: Maggie Alexander
10:55-11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:15-12:15	<p>Parallel workshops <i>The aim of those workshops will be to focus on the following subjects and reflect on how to best use the Charter to influence workplace improvements.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The change in attitudes to diversity and inclusion and the cost of non-inclusion 2. Legislation - help or hindrance? 3. Entrepreneurs 	Moderators (TBC)
12:15-12:30	Summaries of the workshop	Rapporteurs from the workshops
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:30-14:15	<p>A multi-stakeholders approach to move forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling disclosure issue among patients towards their employers • Campaigning towards health professionals for a recognition of work as a clinical outcome for people with disabilities • Raising awareness among employers, trade unions • Campaigning towards political decisions-makers to reinforce effectiveness of existing protective law and regulations for people with disabilities 	<p>Emma Rogan, EMSP Project Coordinator</p> <p>Claudiu Berbece, EMSP Communications Officer</p>
14.15-14.30	Discussion	
14.30-15.00	Time to act now - Action plan and final remarks	Maggie Alexander