



# Young Mediators for Inclusion final conference

*Brussels, 06 July 2022 from 09H30 to 13H00 CEST,*

*at the European Economic and Social Committee, Rue Belliard 99/101, room JDE 63,*

*or remotely via Microsoft Teams*

The YMI project promotes the participation of autistic children and young people in mainstream activities in the community, on equal terms with their peers, thanks to the support of “young mediators” to foster social inclusion. Running since 2019, this project is funded by the EU programme Erasmus+.

## Agenda

**09H30** - Welcome by Aurelie Baranger, Director Autism-Europe and Pietro V. Barbieri, President of EESC Thematic Group on Disability rights, President of the Center for Autonomy in Italy and Ana Sofia Antunes (Secretary of State for Inclusion, Portugal)

**10H00** - Introduction to project Young Mediator for Inclusion: Definition of concept and key elements, by coordinator Inovar Autismo, from Portugal

**10H20** - Overview of main results of pilots run in Spain, Italy and Portugal, by Autismo Burgos, Spain, Diversamente, Italy and Inovar Autismo, Portugal

**10H50** - Coffee break

**11H15** - European guide for mediation in the communities and app by IMKT, Greece and Autism-Europe

**11H30** - Young mediators for Inclusion project evaluation by ISCTE, Portugal

**11H45** - Round-table on prospects for future of mediation in communities, with the participation of:

- Laura Jones, Secretary General, European Platform for Rehabilitation
- Helen Portal, Policy officer, Inclusion Europe
- Loredana Dicsi, Youth officer, European Disability Forum
- Maria Merino, PhD , Technical Director Autismo Burgos, Miradas Foundation
- Nuno Nunes, sociologist, PhD, Reasearcher at the Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology (CIES), University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL)

**12H45** - Conclusions of the round-table

**13H00** - End of conference