

## BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE SCHOOL FOR ALL 2025

Time	Sunday 27 April	Monday 28 April	Tuesday 29 April	Wednesday 30 April	Thursday 1 May	Friday 2 May
9-9.15am	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5pm Start:</b></p> <p><b>Welcome Session</b></p> <p>- Presentation of EASPD -Introduction to the course</p> <p><b>Multicultural Café</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>End- 7pm</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction to inclusive education</b> <i>Wolfgang Plaute</i></p> <p>-Inclusion: What's in the name? UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities -The Barometer of policies and practice of inclusive education in Europe.</p>	<p><b>Daily Evaluation</b></p>	<p><b>Daily Evaluation</b></p>	<p><b>Daily Evaluation</b></p>	<p><b>Daily Evaluation</b></p>
9-15-11am		<p><b>Universal Design for Learning</b> <i>Marleen Clissen</i> <i>João Canossa Dias</i></p> <p>-Theoretical introduction and practical examples</p>	<p><b>Presentation of the Portuguese school system</b></p> <p><b>Study visit to Inclusive Primary School</b></p>	<p><b>Teaching &amp; Co-Teaching in inclusive settings</b> Annemie Jennes -Introduction to the 6 models of co-teaching</p>	<p><b>Change Management</b> <i>Annemie Jennes and Marleen Clissen</i></p>	
11-11:30		Break	Break		Break	Break
11:30-1pm		<p><b>Index for inclusion</b> <i>Wolfgang Plaute</i></p> <p>-Introduction of the instrument</p>	<p><b>Universal Design for Learning</b>  <i>Continued</i></p>		<p><b>Teaching &amp; Co-Teaching in inclusive settings</b> <i>Continued</i></p>	<p><b>Presentation of the inclusive schools</b></p> <p>Evaluation of the course, certificates</p>
1-2pm		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	<b>End of course</b>
2pm-4pm		<p><b>Index for inclusion</b> <i>Wolfgang Plaute</i></p> <p>-Application of the Index</p>	<p><b>Universal Design for Learning</b>  <i>Continued</i></p>	<p><b>Support models and different roles of a support teacher</b></p> <p><i>Annemie Jennes</i></p>	<p><b>Building an Inclusive School for All: professional dialogue</b></p>	
4-4:30		Break	Break	Break		
4:30-5:45pm		<p><b>Building an Inclusive School for All: professional dialogue</b></p>	<p><b>Building an Inclusive School for All: professional dialogue</b></p>			



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## Course Address

**Sunday 27 April:** Hotel Ibis Coimbra Centro, Edifício Topázio, Av. Emídio Navarro, 70, 3000-150, Coimbra

**Monday 28 April-2 May:** Coimbra Superior School of Education, R. Dom João III, 3030-329 Coimbra,.

**Thursday 1 May:** Hotel Ibis Coimbra Centro, Edifício Topázio, Av. Emídio Navarro, 70, 3000-150, Coimbra

## Building an Inclusive School for All: What is professional dialogue?

Professional Dialogue is a process which encourages peer learning and reflection by participants. During the final session of each day, participants will work in a fixed group to apply what they have learnt either by designing their own 'dream school' or by identifying and addressing a real problem or challenge in your school or professional context.

The outcome of these sessions will be presented by each group in the final session of the course. These sessions are an important part of the course for your understanding and application of the course content, your participation and attendance are compulsory.

## Meet the trainers

### Wolfgang Plaute

Dr. Wolfgang Plaute is Vice-Rector of the University of Teacher Education Salzburg Stefan Zweig. Dr. Plaute has a Ph.D. in Educational Sciences and has more than 30 years professional experience in the field of disability (20 years at Lebenshilfe Salzburg, Austria und 10 years at KJF Munich, Germany). Alongside his role as Vice Rector of Research and Development he is Professor of Inclusion and Special Education. He is also the director of the Federal Centre for Sexual Education.

Dr Plaute has published a number of articles and books and is a member of EASPD and its Member Forum on Education.

### Marleen Clissen

As a former Pedagogical staff member at the Catholic Education Flanders, Ms Marleen Clissen has worked in research and international projects to support inclusion and diversity in schools. Prior to this, she was a pedagogical advisor for ASD within the Flemish League for Special Education.

Ms Clissen began her career as a special needs teacher for the Perkins Institute for the Deaf in Boston Massachusetts and has also worked as a Pedagogical coordinator, supporting and advising mainstream schools as they integrated children with Autism in the region of Antwerp.

Currently Ms Clissen works with the Flemish Erasmus+ National Agency (EPOS) to assess KA1 and KA2 applications and final reports.

Ms Clissen holds a BA in Psychology as well as a Master's degree in Education and Special Educational Needs. Ms Clissen has also completed a course from Harvard University in the Universal Design for Learning and Co-productive Processes to Improve Learning and Teaching.

### **João Canossa Dias**

Mr Dias is the Director of Rehabilitation and Inclusion Services at ARCIL, Portugal. In his role, he manages 9 ongoing rehabilitation and inclusion services for people with disabilities, from Inclusive Education to Independent Living and Professional Inclusion. He also represents the organisation as a project officer in international and national innovation, continuous improvement, and research projects as well as being a professional trainer within in-service continuous education activities and self-advocacy facilitator.

Mr Dias is a Specialised Speech and Language Therapist, in the field of Complex Communication, Language and Speech Support Needs and a Monitoring & Evaluation and Social Impact enthusiast.

Alongside his role at ARCIL Mr Dias is an Assistant Professor at the University of Aveiro and a teacher/trainer in Higher Education courses in the School of Health Sciences.

### **Annemie Jennes**

As Senior Policy Officer at Catholic Education Flanders, Ms Annemie Jennes coordinates the learning support centers for special educational needs in mainstream education in Flanders. In her role, Ms Jennes provides in-service training and conducts policy work on inclusive education.

Ms Jennes also regularly participates in international projects in inclusive education working alongside education professionals across Europe. Currently Ms Jennes is serving a 4-year term as Co-chair of EASPD's the Member Forum on Education.

Ms Jennes holds a Master's degree in psychology from the University of Leuven and has worked as a pedagogical staff and afterschool activity coordinator for children with disabilities.



## **EASPD's Member Forum on Education**

Access to education and lifelong learning programmes in mainstream schools and other educational facilities are still far from being the reality for many pupils and learners with disabilities. This is often due to a shortage of qualified staff, a lack of appropriate accessible buildings, facilities/equipment and widespread and persistent prejudice about the skills and potential of persons with disabilities.

The [European Association of Service providers for People with Disabilities](#) (EASPD) however is convinced that the goal of inclusive education is real and achievable. A strong leadership from member states and European institutions must provide the legislative framework to encourage local and community actors to shift their attitude and approach towards inclusive settings.

EASPD launched the Member Forum on Education in 2004 to support the work of the organization in the field of education. Consisting of teachers, school staff, service providers, experts in the field of education and/or training, etc the Member Forum cooperates in projects dealing with education and follows-up the political developments in the field.

Working alongside other important stakeholders the Member Forum uses its know-how and contacts to support the development of an open educational system in Europe. In particular the Member Forum and EASPD commit to:

- Collaborate with networks of other vulnerable groups to present a stronger common position;
- Contribute to a European policy position on inclusive learning, consistent with the obligations of the UNCRPD;
- Provide information, models of good practices and support to member organisations;
- Promote positive attitudes towards inclusion, diversity, partnership and network opportunities;
- Organise and promote training for teachers, educators and other training professionals on inclusive education.

To find out more about the Member Forum on Education and the work that we do contact Rachel Vaughan at [rachel.vaughan@easpd.eu](mailto:rachel.vaughan@easpd.eu).

