



ONLINE DIALOGUE: GOOD PRACTICES FOR ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Date: Tuesday 27th January 2026

Time: 15:00 – 17:00 pm (CET)

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BACKGROUND

The online dialogue is part of the activities of the KEEP Driven project, co-funded by the European Union through the Erasmus+ Program. The project aims to promote knowledge, empowerment, and participation of young people with disabilities, enabling them to contribute fully and effectively to the democratic life of their communities and at the European level. The project is led by the Italian organization CBM Italia ETS, in collaboration with European partners European Disability Forum (Belgium), Association APF France handicap (France), Ledha – Lega per i diritti delle persone con disabilità (Italy), Latvijas Cilvēku ar īpašām vajadzībām sadarbības organizācija SUSTENTO (Latvia).

In its initial months, KEEP Driven project carried out two key activities: a European transnational survey on the participation of young people with disabilities, and the study visits in Latvia, Italy, and France designed to offer new ideas and positive experiences around youth participation and disability. From the voices of young people who actively engaged in these activities, a set of good practices emerged. These will serve as a foundation for discussion and will be developed into guidelines and a compendium to be shared across Europe among youth organizations and organizations of persons with disabilities.



AGENDA

MODERATOR: MARIYA YASENOVSKA - EUROPEAN DISABILITY FORUM (EDF)

- 15:00 – 15:10** **Welcoming**
By Mariya Yasenovska EDF
- 15:10 – 15:20** **KEEP Driven Project: Empowering Youth Participation**
By Michela Sommaruga, CBM Italia ETS
- 15:20 – 15:35** **What We Learned: key insights from the Transnational Survey**
By Mariya Yasenovska, European Disability Forum
- 15:35 – 16:00** **Highlights from the study visits: Young Participants Speak Out**
By the youth participants from Latvia, France and Italy.
- Q&A**
- 16:10 – 16:30** **Break and voting for top three good practices**
- 16:30 – 16:50** **From voting to action: the 9 winning practices for the project compendium**
By Mariya Yasenovska, European Disability Forum
- 16:50 – 17:00** **Satisfaction questionnaire and Closing**