

a-STEP FINAL MEETING AGENDA

08:30 - 08:45 - Registration

08:45 - 08:50 - Opening and welcome by **Geraldine Leader**

08:50 - 09:00 - Speech of the university representative by Sofie Verhaegen

09:00 - 10:30 - **Session 1:** Challenges and Best Practices on Assistive Technologies for Social Inclusion of Individuals with ASD and/or ID

Moderator: **Sharon Kinsella** (Ireland, South East Technological University)

Panelists: Merita Hoxha (Albania, Universiteti Aleksander Xhuvani); Prof. Binyamin Birkan (Türkiye, Biruni University); Elida Kyrckyku (Albania, Zëra Jete Special School); Elif Gündüz Karabulut (Türkiye, Tohum Autism Foundation)

10:30 - 10:45 - **Coffee break**

10:45 - 12:15 - **Session 2:** Perspectives on Assistive Technologies for Autism and/or Intellectual Disabilities

Moderator: **Dr. Özge Mısırlı** (Türkiye, Eskişehir Osmangazi University)

Panelists: Dr. Paulina Tsvetkova (Bulgaria, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), David Fazio (USA, Helix Opportunity); Dr. Katerina Mavrou (Cyprus, European University Cyprus); Ben Tillyer (UK, University of Oxford)

12:15 - 13:20 - **Lunch break**

13:30 - 15:00 - **Session 3:** advancing Social inclusion through Technology and EmPowerment: The White Paper

Moderator: **Prof Geraldine Leader** (Ireland, University of Galway)

Panelists: Cecilia Sik-Lanyi (Hungary,); Dr. Stacy Clifford Simplican (USA, Vanderbilt University); Dr. David Simon (Hungary, Eötvös Lorand University); Darjan Konomi (Albania, Commissioner for the protection from discrimination); Irina Gherceac (Moldova, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection)

15:00 - 15:15 - **Coffee break**

15:15 - 17:00 - MC meeting & Closure

18:45 - **Social dinner**