

Press Release



- The Autism Europass Access Tool (AutismEPAT) has been developed by a multi-disciplinary team working across five EU countries (Germany, Ireland, the UK, the Czech Republic and Portugal).
- The Autism Europass Access Tool (AutismEPAT) is intended to facilitate access to the Europass CV for people on the autism spectrum. Its function is to structure a conversation about any or all aspects of a person's life, with a view to building up a picture of that person's competencies and strengths, in the specific domains that can be included on a Europass CV. In this respect it is a 'scaffolding' device, aimed most specifically at those people on the autism spectrum who have difficulties communicating with others, and for whom potentially useful resources such as the Europass CV would traditionally remain inaccessible. As such it is designed to empower people with autism and to enhance their opportunities for fuller inclusion in all aspects of life.
- The outcome of an AutismEPAT process is a dynamic record of a person's achievements which can be continuously updated as experiences, skills and competencies develop, or as more domains of a person's life are explored. The AutismEPAT itself can be adapted to the specific needs of each individual. For example, it can be accessed through a range of communication strategies and users can navigate their way through the document in any way they choose. It is envisaged that the AutismEPAT will be found to be particularly useful for people who are about to undergo important transitions in their lives – perhaps those who are leaving school, moving home or changing service.
- The tool is web-based, easily accessible, and free.
- The final AutismEPAT project presentation will be at the Werkstätten: Messe conference in Nürnberg, Germany on 18/03/2011.

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