

## INVITATION: Online Event of the European Research Platform "EURECO"

The partners of the European Research Platform EURECO would like to invite you to participate in an online event about the importance of peer expertise in mental health services design.

**Title:** *"New Horizons in Mental Health Care: Strengthening mental health services by peer-expertise and digitalization"*

**When?** Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2020 from 14:00 to 17:00 CEST.

**Where?** Online.

**Registration link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vceCoqzkuH9DC5YI4Ven-OfacvIa0sbJH>

### About the event

In inclusive research, knowledge is developed and shared by people with *and* without experiential expertise. But involving peer experts as participants in research projects, policy and implementation still doesn't come naturally. Why is peer expertise so important? And how can peer expertise be implemented in services?

During our online event, we will exchange ideas on these and other topics. In addition, several international speakers will talk about the importance of peer expertise in mental health services design, implementation and evaluation and how it could be put in practice.

### Program

14.00 – 14.15	Welcome address
14.15 – 14.40	Keynote address: <b>What is peer expertise and why is it important to integrate this in services?</b>
14.40 – 15.00	Poetry break
15.00 – 16.00	Breakout discussion 1: <b>How do we implement peer expertise in services?</b> Breakout discussion 2: <b>Has implementing peer expertise proved to be effective? What are points for action in research and practice?</b> Breakout discussion 3: <b>How can digital technology support ongoing processes?</b>
16.00 – 16.15	Poetry break
16.15 – 17.00	Wrap-up and conclusions

The speakers of the event will be announced shortly.

### What is EURECO?

EURECO is a European collaboration platform of academic researchers and service providers working on inclusive community planning and development of in the perspective of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The platform is based on a joint initiative of the European Association of Services Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD), the Centre for Planning and Evaluation of Social Services (ZPE), University of Siegen (Germany) the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IASSIDD) and the Dutch health research organization ZonMw. EURECO-meetings will serve as an instrument to enhance cooperation along the project-cycle of European research activities starting from the identification of research needs and research processes up to the implementation of results into practice.

### Mental Health Europe and Dutch Association of Mental Health and Addiction Care

Mental Health Europe Taskforces work on specific issues related to mental health. Experts call for a key shift in mental health culture which considers and involves the views, rights and lived experience of mental health service users. The Dutch Association of Mental Health and Addiction Care is an active partner of Mental Health Europe and supports initiatives and alliances that emphasises the importance of good mental health for the European public and the European economy.