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**Europe in Action 2008**  
**Vienna, 10-12 April 2008**  
**Education for all!**

Brussels, 11 December 2007

Dear Members, Colleagues and Friends,

Inclusion Europe and Lebenshilfe Austria have the pleasure to invite you to our annual congress ***Europe in Action*** that will take place in Vienna, Austria, from 10 to 12 April 2008. Under the challenging title “Education for all!” the event will bring together self-advocates, parents, policy makers, teachers and other professionals working with people with intellectual disabilities.

The congress participants will examine what is required to ensure that young people with intellectual disabilities enjoy mainstream school together with their peers. Education is seen as a key to creating an inclusive society, a society ready to welcome a wide diversity of different gifts and abilities. We consider an inclusive school system as the most effective tool for building solidarity among young people with special needs and their peers and also for creating a path for better preparation for adult life.

The congress will be a great opportunity to share ideas across Europe about how young people with intellectual disabilities, their families and professionals can work together towards the idea of inclusive education. It is also an outstanding opportunity to learn from recent developments in a number of countries through presentations of projects and of inclusive schools.

Plenary sessions and Focus Groups will concentrate on:

- The importance and relevance of inclusive education for people with intellectual disabilities.
- The situation of inclusive education in Europe and the challenges for the future.
- The implementation of inclusive education in our schools and national education systems.
- The responsibilities of different actors to improve the level of inclusion of persons with intellectual disabilities in mainstream schools.

The conference will aim to support participants in their different roles and associations to identify the path to progressive changes in all European countries. It will also look at the role of the European Union and other international institutions to support and coordinate this important change process.

Simultaneous interpretation will be available in English and German for plenary sessions and selected Focus Groups. Special care will be taken to make all Plenary Sessions accessible for people with intellectual disabilities. Accessible Focus Groups will be indicated in the programme.

Attached, please find a registration and a hotel booking form to send back to the Inclusion Europe secretariat **before 31 January 2008**. A detailed and updated programme and more practical information are available at: [www.EuropeInAction.org](http://www.EuropeInAction.org)

In addition to the congress programme, we will organize several specific sessions for different target groups:

- 9 April 2008      **Preparation meeting for Self-Advocates** (from 16:30)
- 9 April 2008      **Preparation meeting for Supporters** (from 19:00)
- 11 April 2008     **General Meeting of the European Platform of Self-Advocates (EPSA)**
- 11 April 2008:    **Annual General Assembly of Inclusion Europe**

We are looking forward to welcome you to this important event in Vienna.

Yours sincerely,

**Ingrid Körner**  
President of Inclusion Europe

**Germain Weber**  
President of Lebenshilfe Austria

## Europe in Action 2008 "Education for All!"



### Summary Programme 10-12 April 2008

Kardinal König Haus – Vienna

**10 April 2008**

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#### **Opening**

- Education for Empowerment and Self-Advocacy
- Inclusive Education – The Development of a Worldwide Concept
- The Human Right to Education
- Inclusive Education in Austria

#### **Plenary**

**The Policies, Structures and Systems of Inclusive Education**

#### **Focus Groups**

- Attitudes to Inclusive Education among Pupils, Parents and Teachers
- Involvement of Pupils, Self-Advocates and Parents in Inclusive Education
- The Policies of the United Nations and of UNESCO
- Inclusion in Secondary Schools
- The Transition to Vocational Education

**Presentations of Examples of Good Practice in Europe**

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#### **Reception**

**11 April 2008**

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**Plenary**

**The Structure and Organization of Inclusive Schools**

**Focus Groups**

- The Index for Inclusion
- Methodologies and Teaching Strategies in Inclusive Education
- Overcoming Barriers for Inclusion at School
- Curriculum Development
- General Assembly of the European Platform of Self-Advocates

**Plenary**

**Education Objectives for Young People and Families**

**Focus Groups**

- Peer Relations in Educational Establishments
- Teaching Active Citizenship to Pupils with Intellectual Disabilities
- The Expectations of Parents for Inclusive Education
- Personal Future Planning: the Transition into Adult Life
- Individual Education Planning

**Presentations of Examples of Good Practice in Europe**

**Annual General Assembly of Inclusion Europe**



**Congress Dinner**

**12 April 2008**

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This part of the event will be open to the public and be free of cost.

**Presentation of the Results and Recommendations of the Conference**

**Market of Projects, Ideas and Approaches in Inclusive Education**

**Closing Addresses**

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**Important information**

- \* **Conference languages:** English, German
- \* **Project presentation:** if you would like to present your project please contact [secretariat@inclusion-europe.org](mailto:secretariat@inclusion-europe.org) for details
- \* **Accessibility :** Special care will be taken to make all Plenary Sessions accessible for people with intellectual disabilities. Accessible Focus Groups will also be indicated in the programme.
- \* **Changes:** This programme is subject to changes depending on the availability of speakers. Please look for the updated version at [www.EuropeInAction.org](http://www.EuropeInAction.org)



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## Congress Registration and Hotel Booking Form

### Europe in Action 2008

“Education for all!”

10 - 12 April 2008

**Kardinal König Haus**

**Kardinal König Platz 3**

**1130 Vienna**

**AUSTRIA**

*(Please send one registration form per participant by 31 January 2008)*

#### Personal Information (Please type or write in capital letters)

Family Name: (Ms / Mrs / Mr).....

First Name: .....

Organisation: .....

Address: .....

Phone number: ..... Fax number:.....

E-mail: .....

I am accompanied by: **(please use another form if this person also attends the congress)**

Family Name: .....

First Name: .....

I agree to share my contacts with other participants through the participants' list

#### Additional Information

##### Please inform us which languages you speak

English       German

##### Requirements:

Special diet (.....)       Reduced mobility (.....)

Easy-to-read material       Invitation for Visa

## **Congress Fee**

*The Congress Fee includes registration, lunches, coffee breaks and congress material.*

*The Congress Dinner will be paid extra.*

The full congress fee is 180,- € per participant.

Reduced fees are available to a **limited number of people** based on “**first come, first served**”.

Congress Fee (also for delegates to the Annual General Assembly) **180,- €**

I apply for a reduced fee (please tick the appropriate box):

Self-advocate, support person or family member **90,- €**

Participant from Central and Eastern Europe **90,- €**

Self-Advocate from Austria **90,- €**

### **Dinner**

I register for the **Congress dinner** on Friday 11 April 2008 at 20:00 **35,- € extra fee**

## **Congress and Meetings Registration - Please indicate the meetings you want to attend**

*All meetings take place at Kardinal König Haus, Kardinal König Platz 3, A-1130 Vienna*

**Congress “Europe in Action 2008”** on 10 April to 12 April 2008

### **Preparation meetings on 9 April 2008**

**Preparation meeting for Self-Advocates** from 16:30

**Preparation meeting for Supporters** from 19:00

### **For Members**

**General Meeting European Platform of Self-Advocates** on 11 April 2008 from 11:00 to 13:00

**Annual General Assembly of Inclusion Europe** on 11 April 2008 from 16:30 to 18:30

## Hotel Reservation

We have negotiated special conditions with the Parkhotel and some Seminar Houses (all located at walking distance from the Kardinal König Haus where the congress will take place).

Inclusion Europe will be responsible for the reservation and confirmation of your hotel room. Payment of all rooms is done to Inclusion Europe on the basis of an invoice issued in your name (see next page for payment information).

***NB: Inclusion Europe is not responsible for cancellation in cases of act of God. Participants are therefore advised to insure themselves for medical and cancellation charges.***

Mr- Ms- Mrs	Surname	First Name	Date of Arrival	Date of Departure	N° of Nights	Single	Double	Arrival Time

If double room, please indicate who you will share it with:.....

### **Please, clearly indicate your preference of the hotel category**

	HOTEL	SINGLE	DOUBLE	ADDRESS
	Parkhotel Schönbrunn	100.- €	145.- €	Hietzinger Hauptstr. 10-20 1130 Vienna
	Seminar Houses	70.- €	80.- €	Several houses in the vicinity of the conference venue

**Inclusion Europe reserves the right to accommodate participants in another hotel if the category chosen is fully booked. Inclusion Europe will inform you if this should be the case.**

The above quoted prices are in Euro, per room, per night, including breakfast, taxes and services. Any extras like parking fees or mini-bar expenses will be billed directly to you when you check out.

### **All rooms must be guaranteed by credit card. Please give details below:**

Type : \_\_\_\_\_ N° : \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date : \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### **REMARKS :**

- Any cancellation of your reservation must be done at least 72 hours before the day of arrival, in writing, directly to Inclusion Europe. Failure to do so will mean that we will charge you for the first night reserved.
- Your are advised to reserve your room by 31 January 2008. After that date, hotel reservations are subject to availability.**

## Payment Information

Conference Fee .....€

Conference Dinner .....€

Accommodation: .... Nights x .... € = .....€

**Total:** .....€

### **Please wait for our invoice for payment information**

#### Invoice to be addressed to:

Name .....

Organisation .....

Address .....

Fax .....

e-mail .....

SIGNATURE: .....

DATE: .....

Please send this registration form **by 31 January 2008**  
to Dominique BELBER MINGUEZ, Inclusion Europe,  
Fax: +32-2-502.80.10 – e-mail: [secretariat@inclusion-europe.org](mailto:secretariat@inclusion-europe.org)