



First announcement

ENTELIS SEMINAR

Supporting the development of digital skills of persons with disabilities of all ages

Policies, strategies and tools

26-27 November 2014 - Bologna Italy

The digital divide is a fact. Many people with disabilities do not participate, or experience difficulties in fully participating, in the digital society. There are many factors that contribute to this situation, ranging from environmental factors (physical and cultural barriers) to person-related factors, such as lack of training or unfamiliarity with technology. The ENTELIS network aims to reduce the digital divide by fostering exchange of information and good practice, by networking all relevant stakeholders and by contributing to policy development. The seminar will address the entire range of factors within a holistic perspective. However, in investigating possible solutions, it will particularly focus on person-related factors: it will explore how actions and measures aimed at the person's empowerment and digital skills development can improve participation and freedom of choice in the digital society.

The **pre-Seminar event (Wednesday 26 afternoon)** will be targeted to the public-at-large, including policy-makers, journalists, non-governmental organisations, self-advocacy groups.

>> Participation is free of charge. Registration is encouraged.

The **Seminar (Thursday 27, full day)** will be mainly targeted to education and rehabilitation professionals, service providers, researchers and experts in information technology and assistive technology. It will include keynote speeches, selected contributions from the participants and parallel working groups. It will be organised in such a way to promote the maximum amount of information exchange, reciprocal learning, networking and project incubation.

>> Fee: 150 Euro. Free of charge for ENTELIS partners and for members of AAATE, EASPD and EVBB. Registration is required.

Call for presentations (abstracts), programme and registration information: www.entelis.net

The seminar is held in the framework of the thematic event:
(Assistive) technology as a Human Rights Enabler
Bologna 26-29 November 2014



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Open call for contributions to the ENTELIS seminar programme

This call is open to anybody – whether partner or not of the ENTELIS network – who is involved in issues related to bridging the digital divide for people with disabilities and improving their ability to use assistive technologies in daily life, education and work.

Each contribution may present **research findings** (such as reviews of the state of the art, needs analysis, methodologies, impact studies, etc.) or may report about **experiences** that have been actually carried out (such as educational activities, policies, methods, practices, etc.). Contributions can be delivered as oral presentations (scheduled in the Seminar programme) or as fact-sheets (included in the Seminar proceedings and handed out to the participants). All accepted contributions will also be published on the ENTELIS website; as valuable material that will support the development of knowledge and the exchange of strategies to empower people with disabilities in relation to assistive technology and the digital divide.

As a first step, researchers, project managers, health care professionals, education professionals, user organisations, service providers, public agencies and any other interested person or organisation are invited to submit an **abstract** (between 400 and 600 words) specifying: the **author(s)**, the **presenter** (in case the contribution will be accepted as an oral presentation), the **motivation** or (research) **challenge** underlying their project or intervention, the research **methodology** or intervention **strategy**, the **results**, the **lessons learned** and **conclusions**. Please further specify whether you intend to present original work or whether your work has been published elsewhere. It is highly recommended that you use the template attached.

In case your submission is accepted for an **oral presentation**, you will receive an invitation to submit a full paper (between 1.500-2.000 words) and present it during the seminar (max. 15 min + max. 15 sides).

In case your submission is accepted for a **fact-sheet**, you will be invited to prepare a one-page A4-size PDF file providing a concise and clear summary of your research findings or your experience.

The fee to the seminar for all contributors (whether oral presentations or fact-sheets) will be waived.

Copyrights will remain with the authors, although by sending your full paper or fact-sheet you accept that they will be uploaded on the ENTELIS website (along with the audiovisual material used in the oral presentation).

Particularly relevant contributors will be invited to **publish** a reworked version of their work to the AAATE journal “Technology and Disability” or other relevant journals.

All contribution should be sent by e-mail to the secretariat of the Programme committee of the Seminar:

AIAS Bologna Onlus – Lorenzo Desideri: ldesideri@ausilioteca.org

Key dates

September 20, 2014	Deadline for abstracts submission
October 4, 2014	Notification of acceptance by the Programme Committee
November 1, 2014	Submission of the full paper (if accepted as oral presentation) or the fact-sheet
November 27, 2014	ENTELIS Seminar



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Abstract submission form

To be sent to ldesideri@ausilioteca.org within September 20, 2014 at the latest

Name of author(s) :

Name of the presenter (in case of acceptance as oral presentation in the seminar):

Preferred format:

- oral presentation
 fact-sheet

The contribution you are submitting is

- original (never published so far)
 already published (please provide the bibliographical reference)
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Abstract (600-800 words)

In case you are reporting about findings of a research carried out, please specify the initial research question, the methodology used, the results achieved and the conclusions drawn. In case you are reporting about an experience, please specify the reasons that motivated it, the intervention strategy and method, the activities done, the outcomes and the lessons learned.



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