

WELCOME 14th Autism Europe International Congress

11th-13th September 2025, Dublin, Ireland



Autism Europe Congress 2025

Hosts: Autism-Europe, AsIAm, Keynote PCO, Fáilte Ireland, Royal Dublin Society

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The Challenge:

- The Autism Europe Congress (AEC) 2025 Intentional Impact Project was developed in response to several key challenges that extend beyond the event itself. These included the need to improve inclusive event design so that delegates could fully engage, address the barriers limiting employment opportunities for autistic people, and tackle ongoing stigma and misinformation about autism.



AEC 2025 Legacy Project:

- **Set a new standard for inclusive events**, positioning AEC 2025 as a global example of autism-affirming, accessible event design.
- **Advanced employment advocacy** by engaging employers, policymakers, and business leaders to improve employment outcomes for autistic people.
- **Tackled misinformation and stigma** through public education and lived-experience storytelling.
- **Created a replicable model**, with documented outcomes and case studies, as well as a commitment from 2028 host city Bilbao to continue the work.



"From the outset, our ambition was not simply to host a successful congress, but to create meaningful and lasting change for autistic people. The event provided a platform to challenge misinformation, promote employment inclusion, and demonstrate what truly accessible and inclusive event design looks like in practice."

— Adam Harris, Conference Ambassador, AEC 2025





Intended Use of Grant Funding:

- **Carry the model forward** through structured handover and peer learning with future Autism-Europe Congress hosts.
- **Help address autism unemployment** by advancing inclusive employment practices and increasing workforce participation.
- **Share the model internationally** through case studies, presentations, and knowledge-sharing, enabling other associations to adapt and adopt the approach.

