

Dear Colleagues,

It's that time of year again! Once in every four years a European Conference in the field of people with visual impairments is organized by the International Council for Education and Rehabilitation of People with Visual Impairment, Europe Region (ICEVI-Europe), in cooperation with a host committee and local partners.

ICEVI-Europe in cooperation with **Robert Hollman Foundation** are proud to announce our milestone tenth European Conference in 2025. The **10th ICEVI-European Conference** will be held from **May 15 to May 17, 2025** at the **Town Hall and University of Padova in Italy,** thanks to the hospitality and collaboration of the **Municipality of Padova** and **the University of Padova**.

Join us to actively take part in the exchange of knowledge and expertise and sharing of best practices within a network of people and institutions promoting the inclusion of people with visual impairment, as we explore this year's theme: *"Supporting children and young adults with visual impairment: What can we do? What can be done?"*

The Conference, which will bring together hundreds of professionals from all over Europe, will focus on how support, using a multidisciplinary approach, can foster a better quality of life for children and young adults with visual impairment. Presentations will be an opportunity to share experiences on four important areas of interest: *individual development and assessment; education and learning; habilitation and rehabilitation; access, participation, engagement in society.* The final goal of the conference is the presentation of a Key Principles document provided to professionals who wish to offer a global approach which will support their work with children and young adults with visual impairment and their families.

Please view the **Save the Date** Flyer accessible to the visually impaired enclosed herein, which we kindly ask you to publish in your organization's website, newsletter publication and social media platform(s), as well as, share widely across your networks with colleagues, partners, stakeholders and parties in the field of visual impairment interested in its content.

For further information, please regularly visit our official conference website: <u>https://icevieurope2025-hollman.it</u> which is now live and the website of ICEVI-Europe at <u>www.icevi-europe.org</u>.

Thank you in advance for your shared enthusiasm and valuable support in promoting our 10th Anniversary European Conference within your country.

ICEVI-Europe in cooperation with the Italy Host Committee look forward to your active participation and having you join us at the 2025 Conference in Padova!

Sincerely,

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