



# INCLUSO 2010 conference eInclusion of Youth at Risk: <http://www.incluso.org/conference> Leuven (Belgium): 13-14 September 2010

## Scope and Goal

More and more attention is paid to the use of ICT and more specifically, social software, for improving the social inclusion of Youth at Risk. This was also recognised by the European Commission that organised in 2007 a special Framework Programme 7 call for projects on this subject.

The collaborative INCLUSO project (Sept. 2008- Sept. 2010) responded to this concern as it aims to deliver a verifiable proof that ICT, and more precisely, social software tools, can facilitate social inclusion of youth at risk. INCLUSO, after an initial phase of desk research, currently has four pilot projects running in 4 countries. The practical conclusions will be bundled in a Whitebook together with a business and sustainability model for actions implementing ICT in the area of social inclusion.

## INCLUSO-2010

In September 2010, INCLUSO will organise in Leuven (Arenberg Castle, Heverlee-Belgium) an international conference on eInclusion of Youth at Risk gathering international specialists in the field of social software use and improvement of social inclusion for disadvantaged youngsters. We expect also delegates from decision making groups such as governments and the European Commission.

The main trust is a collection of practical results in this field and the prioritisation of future actions. You are cordially invited to present your experiences to the participants.

## Conference Topics

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Track 1:
  - Who are the youngsters at risk of exclusion?
  - ICT and social software: differences in use between groups of youngsters, involvement of coaches
  - Experiences of ICT use by youth at risk: results from the field
  - Social software use in related domains (e.g. culture specific use of social software for migrants, or, do female social skills extend to social software?)
  - Examples of positive results and good practices
- Track 2:
  - Impact assessment of ICT initiatives for the inclusion of youth at risk of exclusion
  - Suggestions for a future EU- research agenda and policy note

## Scientific Committee

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This committee will monitor the quality of the conference contributions.

The committee will be presided by Jan Dekelver, K.H.Kempen-K.U.Leuven, Scientific coordinator of the INCLUSO Project.

## Call for Papers

Abstracts (appr 1500 words) of planned contributions must be uploaded using the Easychair conference tool available at: <https://www.easychair.org/login.cgi?conf=incluso2010> no later than March 8, 2010.

Details on the use of the Easychair platform and author guidelines for the final paper can be downloaded on the Incluso website at the following page: <http://www.incluso.org/conference>  
The Scientific Committee will judge the abstract contributions and provide feedback by April 5, 2010.

A full camera ready paper (appr. 8 pages) is then to be uploaded by June 7, 2010 for inclusion in the Proceedings.

Registration to the conference by one author is mandatory!

**A selection of presented papers will be published in the Journal of Social Intervention.** (<http://www.journalsi.org/>)

## Timetable

First Call for contributions	January 2010
Deadline for uploading abstracts	March 8, 2010
Feedback to the authors	April 5, 2010
Deadline for camera ready full texts	June 7, 2010
Registration for participation	Opens in April 2010

## To conclude...

We hope to welcome you in Leuven: by joining the group of specialists, including experts of the eInclusion unit of the European Commission, we are confident that interesting discussions on this subject will take place.



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