



14th Autism-Europe Congress (AEC 2025)

Hosts: Autism-Europe, in partnership with AsIAm – Ireland’s Autism Charity – and Fáilte Ireland, the National Tourism Development Authority.

Professional Conference Organiser: Keynote



September 11-13, 2025, Dublin, Ireland

About:

- Congress theme “Quality of Life – Research, Policy, and Practice” selected through consultation with Autistic people, family members, and professionals.
- Champions the rights of Autistic individuals, promotes meaningful inclusion, and enhances quality of life across Europe.
- Advocates for full participation, autonomy, and equality through a rights-based, evidence-informed approach, aligned with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD).



Intended Impact:

To evaluate the impact of the congress, AsIAM has established a series of impact intentions. These will be assessed as part of the **Intentional Impact Project**, delivered in collaboration with Fáilte Ireland and #Meet4Impact.



- **Inclusive Event Design.** Implement and document inclusive event practices that can be shared with future event organisers.
- **Employment Advocacy.** Highlight the Autism unemployment gap and urge businesses to commit to inclusive hiring. The goal is to secure pledges from 100 leading employers and to launch a roadmap with the Irish Business and Employers Federation (IBEC).
- **Public Awareness and Tackling Misinformation.** Deliver a public engagement campaign through pre-congress and fringe events designed to educate stakeholder groups, increase awareness, minimize misinformation and stigma, foster broad community involvement.

Intended Use of Grant Funding:

- Enhance and expand AsIAM's capacity to design inclusive events, advocate for accessible employment, and lead impactful public engagement efforts to ensure lasting impact beyond AEC 2025.
- Demonstrate best-in-class practices on accessibility at AEC 2025.
- Maximise the reach and impact of the congress for Dublin's Autistic community.



"Dublin is a vibrant, inclusive city and we are working towards making it the world's first accredited Autism-friendly capital. In partnership with Fáilte Ireland, we are committed to delivering an intentional impact project that defines, measures, and amplifies the legacy of the Autism-Europe Congress. The Incredible Impacts Seed Fund Grant will help us to work towards creating a fully inclusive Congress, and will contribute to our overall vision of a society where every autistic person is accepted as they are – equal, valued and respected."

- Adam Harris, CEO of AsIAM and Conference Ambassador of the 14th Autism Europe Congress 2025

