



22-23 June 2026

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Workshop 1: Inclusive Education

Inclusion in action: rethinking schools through real voices, bold ideas, and practical change

The in-person workshop will provide a comprehensive exploration of inclusive education, combining policy perspectives, lived experiences and practical examples. Through a structured two-day programme, participants will gain insight into current developments in inclusive schooling in Slovenia, visit a school participating in the *Korak k Sončku* (ang. *Step to the Sun*) project, and engage directly with teachers, civil society representatives and policymakers. The event will highlight good practices across different educational levels, encourage dialogue on the relationship between inclusive education and special schools, and create space for reflection, exchange and collaboration.

By the end of this webinar, you will be able to:

- Grasp what truly inclusive education looks like—beyond policy and theory
- Spot what works (and what doesn't) in real schools across Slovenia and Europe
- Learn directly from lived experiences of families and educators
- Use practical tools to assess and improve inclusion in your own context
- Turn insights into concrete actions for more inclusive, equitable schools

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1st day, 22nd of June 2026

CEST Activity

09:00 Welcome & Opening Remarks

Representatives of Zveza Sonček

- Introduction to the event, objectives and programme overview

09:30 Session 1: Inclusive Education in Slovenia – Current State and Future Directions

- Focus on: policies, implementation challenges, future reforms

10:00 Session 2 — Presentation: “Step Towards the Sun project & One School for All”

- Long-term project promoting inclusion in education (Inclusive sports days, participatory activities)
- Video screening: “A Special Kind of Squirrel” – a theatre performance created and performed by users and staff of a Sonček centre Novo mesto, presented in schools and kindergartens across Slovenia
- Teacher presentation: sharing the school’s experience and collaboration within the project, including practical insights from implementation

10:30 Coffee Break

10:45 Session 3 —Slovenia in the European Context: Comparison and Good Practices

Talk by expert Alen Kofol, Primary School Srečko Kosovel Sežana

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- Approaches used in other European countries
- What practices could be transferred to Slovenia
- Mentoring other schools planning similar approaches
- Innovative teaching methods (play & technology)

11:45 **Session 4 — Towards an Inclusive School and Society**

Talk by Boštjan Kotnik, Association for the Culture of Inclusion

- Presentation of the first comprehensive framework in Slovenia with tools for assessing and developing inclusive schools
- How to measure the level of inclusion
- Concrete tools available for schools
- International festival “Play with Me”

13:00 **Lunch**

14:30 **Session 5 — Moderated Roundtable Discussion: “Where is the space for inclusion in the Slovenian education system and why is the system still fundamentally exclusionary?”**

Principal of a Slovenian kindergarten

Principal of a Slovenian secondary school

Principal of a Slovenian special school

Parent of a child with special educational needs

Person(s) with disabilities who went through the Slovenian educational system

Expert from field of an inclusive education

15:45 **Session 6 — Inclusive Non-Formal Education (ODTIZ Institute)**

- Presentation of ODTIZ Institute

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- Mini workshop and interactive demonstration of inclusive non-formal education

18:00 Networking & Social Programme

- Optional visit to Ljubljana Castle and guided tour about history of Ljubljana (via cable car)
- Visit to a social shop Skrbovin'ca

19:15 End

2nd day , 23rd of June 2026

CEST Activity

09:00 Session 1 — Study Visit: Primary School France Bevk Ljubljana

- Presentation of inclusive practices (School tour)
- Focus: teaching methods, adaptations, accessibility
- Inclusive sports day (Step Towards the Sun)

11:30 Lunch at school

13:00 Session 2 — Living Library (Sonček Centre Šiška)

- Personal stories of individuals with disabilities and experts from this field
- Participants will be divided into smaller groups, rotating between speakers in a “living library” format to enable direct dialogue and exchange

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16:00 **Session 3 — Working Groups & Closing Session**

- Case studies: “How to include all children?”
- Final wrap-up, Q&A
- Group discussions
- Sharing solutions and reflections

16:00 **End**

Practical information

The organisers will cover two nights' accommodation per participant.

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