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Welcome to a special issue of the ASDEU newsletter

The ASDEU programme welcomes contributions from everyone with an interest in autism. This 'survey special' newsletter links professional colleagues, autistic individuals, families and others to surveys gathering essential data to support ASDEU's comprehensive exploration of autism.

By sharing your experiences, you will help ASDEU build a better understanding of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in Europe and speed up the development of more effective services and interventions for autistic people and their families.

Currently all the surveys are available in English and Spanish (some are also available in German, Portuguese, Danish and Italian) and they are being translated into many different European languages including Polish, French, Icelandic and Romanian. As other translations are completed, we will announce it on the [ASDEU website](#).

We hope you will find the time to contribute to these surveys and we look forward to seeing your response.

Manuel Posada
Coordinator of the ASDEU programme

Prevalence and cost

Alongside studies exploring the prevalence of autism, there is related research looking at the costs associated with an autism diagnosis. You can help us build our understanding of these costs by completing this survey.

You can answer this survey if **you are on the autism spectrum** or if **you are a parent or carer of someone on the autism spectrum**.

[Fill out a survey about costs >](#)

You can also find out more about progress on the different prevalence studies on [the ASDEU website](#).

Early detection and intervention

The main objective of ASDEU's work in this area is to create guidance on early screening, diagnosis and intervention. You can help us develop early detection, diagnosis and intervention best practice by completing our survey, which is for:

- **parents and carers** of children on the autism spectrum
- **professionals** who work or have worked with children on the autism spectrum under six (6) years of age.

[Fill out a survey about early interventions >](#)

You can find out more about progress from the early intervention studies on [the ASDEU website](#).

Autistic adults



There is relatively little known in the European Union, or globally, about existing services and care for autistic adults or about the readiness of communities to provide for them. You can help change this by completing this survey.

This survey is for:

- **autistic adults** sharing their personal experience in getting services and care as an adult
- **family members, partners or carers of autistic adults**, sharing their experiences of the adult receiving services and care as an adult
- **professionals** who work in the area of adult services, including services for autistic adults.

[Fill out a survey about adult services >](#)

You can find out more about progress from the autistic adults studies on [the ASDEU website](#).

Key facts about ASDEU

Autism Spectrum Disorders in Europe (ASDEU) is a three-year programme run by a consortium of 20 groups from 14 countries. It is studying the prevalence of autism in 12 countries of the European Union, analysing the economic and social costs of autism, reviewing existing arrangements and developing proposals for early detection programmes, training professionals, validating biomarkers for the disorder, and improving understanding of diagnosis, comorbidity, and effective care and support for adults and senior citizens with autism.

We will be submitting our final proposals to the European Commission based on the best scientific evidence of what will achieve the optimum results. All our results will be presented in a final European conference at the end of the project in Madrid towards the end of 2017 or in early 2018.

You can find a full list of the eight programme work packages and the people leading them on [the ASDEU website](#).

The ASDEU consortium associated partners are:

- Programme lead: Institute of Rare Diseases Research (IIER), Instituto de Salud Carlos III (ISCIII), Spain
- Medical University of Vienna, Austria
- Autism-Europe, Belgium
- Ghent University, Belgium
- Bulgarian Association for Promotion of Education and Science, Bulgaria
- Aarhus University, Denmark
- University of Oulu, Finland
- University Toulouse 2 Jean Jaurès UT2J, France
- The State Diagnostic and Counselling Centre, Iceland
- The IRCCS Stella Maris Foundation, Italy
- Instituto Nacional de Saúde Doutor Ricardo Jorge, Portugal
- University of Warsaw, Poland
- Dublin City University, Republic of Ireland
- Victor Babes National Institute of Pathology, Romania
- Fundación Canaria para el Avance de la Biomedicina y la Biotecnología, Canary Islands, Spain
- Fundación Española para la Cooperación Internacional, Salud y Política Social, Spain
- Universidad de Salamanca, Spain
- London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom
- King's College London, United Kingdom
- The National Autistic Society, United Kingdom

Collaborating partners:

- Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Italy
- Policlínica Gipuzkoa, Spain

About this newsletter

Four issues of this newsletter are being produced over the course of the programme to keep interested professionals and others up-to-date with the ASDEU programme as its work takes shape and findings emerge. It is distributed by each of the ASDEU partners (see Key Facts above), and **you can also sign up to the newsletter on [the ASDEU website](#)**.

About the newsletter's designer



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