



# International Cooperation between Autistic Organisations and Self-Advocates: Peer-Support on the European Level





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... "a nightmare"

"... the raging epidemic of  
neurologically damaged children"



... "a tragedy"

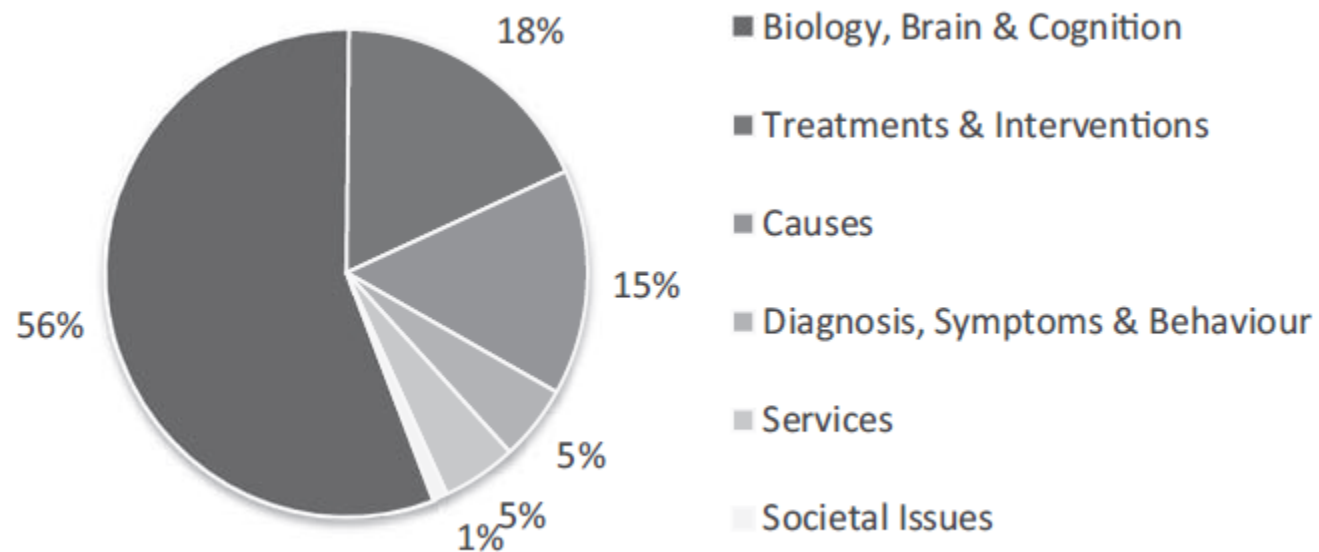
... "this urgent global health crisis"



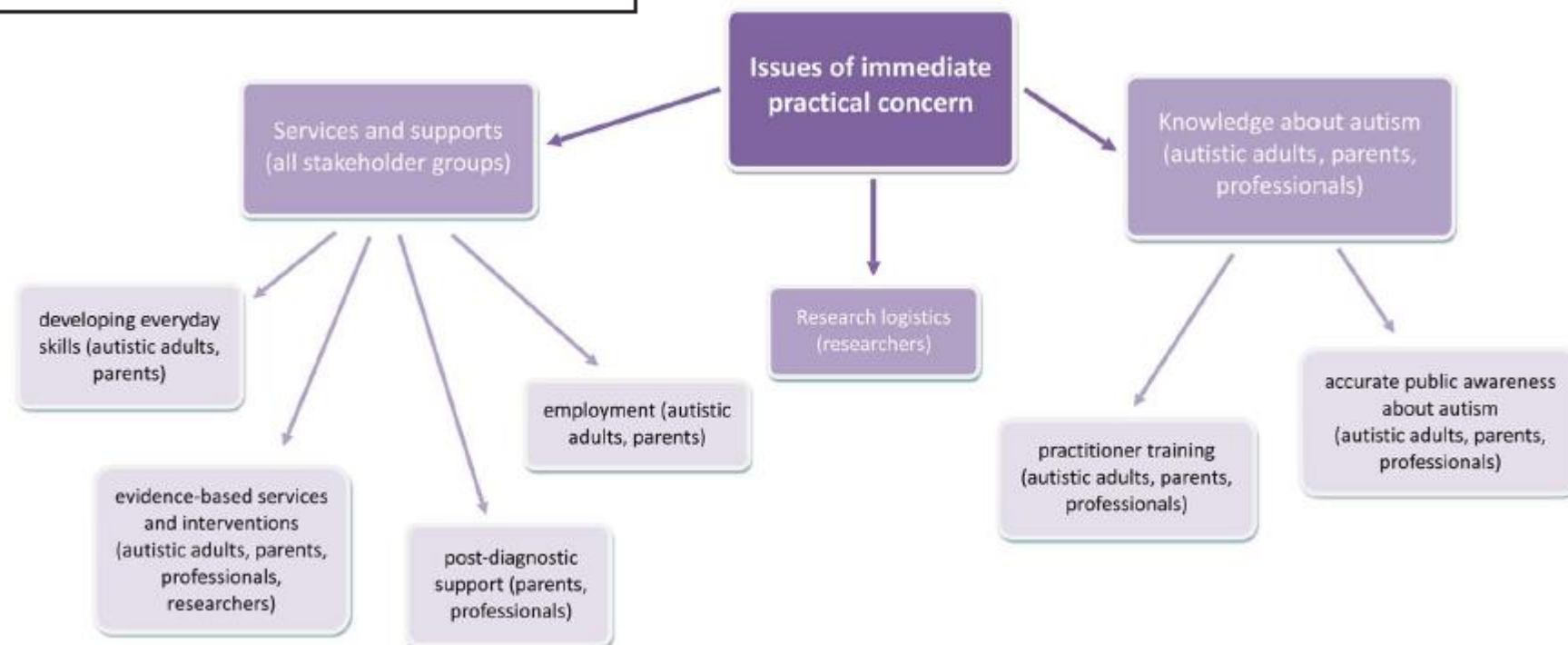
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AUTISM SPEAKS  
2015 AUTISM  
INVESTMENT  
CONFERENCE





Pellicano, E. *et al.* 2014.  
What should autism  
research focus upon?  
Community views and  
priorities from the United  
Kingdom. *Autism*, pp. 1-15.









Autistic adults without a  
learning disability are  
**9 times**  
more likely to die from suicide.

Hirvikoski, T., *et al.* (2016). Premature mortality in autism spectrum disorder. *The British Journal of Psychiatry*, 207(5).

# European Autistic Network 2016-





## **Organisational Member Statement**

*We are involved in an effort to set up an international umbrella organisation for local and national autistic-led organisations in Europe. To accomplish this, we have engaged in online discussions and participated in a meeting that was held in Prague on October 12-13 2017. [...]*

*The purpose of the organisation is to promote equal rights, welfare and inclusion of autistic people across Europe. The organisation supports and empowers groups and organisations where autistic people make decisions and express their collective opinion.*

*The organisation facilitates the direct involvement of autistic people in advocacy to influence policy and research, in education of decision-makers and the general public, and in campaigning.*

*We hope to build an environment that will enable us to cooperate in projects which target our shared goals, to promote the exchange of information and ideas between autistic people across borders. Through this, the organisation will develop understanding of autistic people's needs in countries and regions within Europe.*

# Autistiskt Initiativ

## Organiserade Aspergare

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## Adventor, Prague



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# Asperger

Probably the best syndrome in the world