

ETH Rehab Initiative – Promoting the future of rehabilitation

Join us on this journey as a partner.

Globally, nearly a third of our society is estimated to be living with a health condition that has the potential to benefit from rehabilitation. This worldwide need for rehabilitation is predicted to increase in the coming years, due to environmental changes and the demographic shift of the population and continues to be largely unmet due to multiple factors such as lack of rehabilitation professionals, resources, funding, policies, assistive technology, etc.

ETH Zurich is strengthening its contribution to this global challenge and is investing in partnerships with universities, hospitals, and companies. The Rehab Initiative, evolved from the great success of the CYBATHLON, aims at providing the necessary impetus to push Switzerland to the forefront of shaping the future of rehabilitation.

The Competence Centre RESC as an interdisciplinary network

Founded in January 2020, the ETH Competence Centre for Rehabilitation Engineering and Science (RESC) coordinates and strengthens the ETH Rehab Initiative. RESC is a nexus of expertise from academia, hospitals, industry, government, healthcare, disability organisations, and other NPOs. The centre promotes exchange, interdisciplinary research projects, innovative education programmes and knowledge transfer.

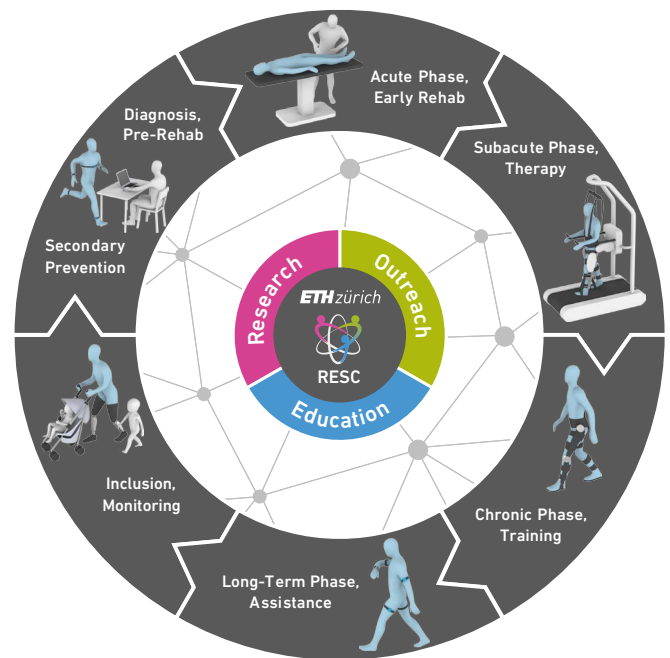
RESC takes a holistic approach to rehabilitation along the continuum-of-care. The aim is to transition from the current focal, short-term interventions and insights of a fragmented system to long-term solutions offering personalised prevention and prediction, earliest possible and continuous therapeutic treatment, assistance in the home and work environments, as well as investigations into how living spaces and everyday objects can be adapted to the needs of affected people.

Vision

Our vision is to restore and maintain independence, productivity and quality of life for people with physical disabilities and to contribute towards an inclusive society.

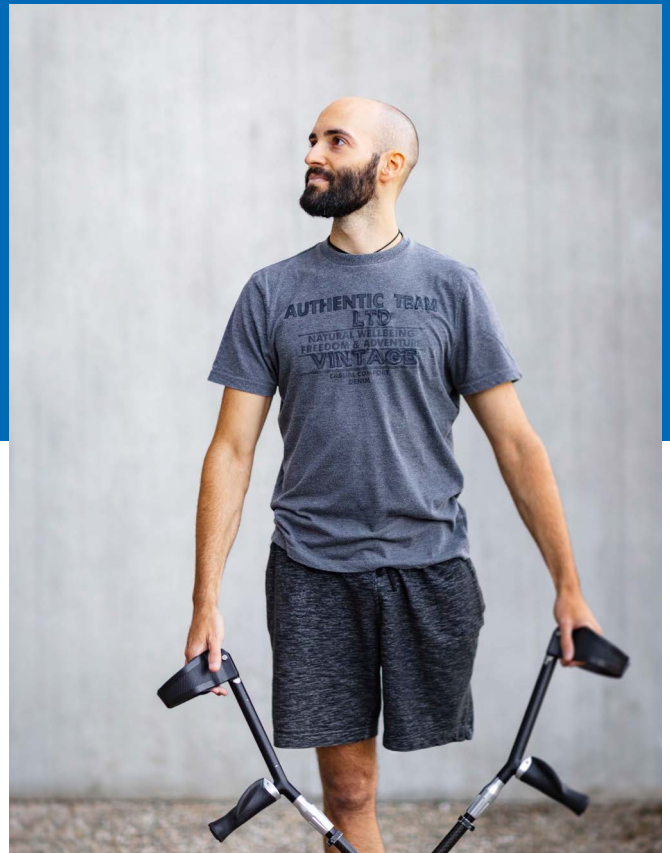
Mission

We promote the establishment of a holistic rehabilitation approach to better meet the needs of people with physical disabilities by facilitating research and transfer, fostering an interdisciplinary network, and raising awareness along the continuum-of-care.



«I would like to see assistive technologies advanced to the point where people with disabilities are no longer at a disadvantage. I believe it is essential to encourage participation and access to research for people with disabilities.»

Michelangelo Gautschi
Master student at ETH Zurich and sports enthusiast



Key activities

- Funding and coordination of transdisciplinary research and development projects
- Establishment of contemporary education programmes at graduate and postgraduate level
- Hosting of networking and exchange platforms for academia, industry, opinion leaders and other stakeholders
- Contributing to the public discourse about rehabilitation and inclusion

Partner categories

Strategic partners

Our strategic partners support the joint development of the future of rehabilitation with substantial financial contributions, which are provided via donations for professorships, research labs, funding, and fellowship programmes, and/or via sponsoring for contract research, events, and memberships.

Strategic partners are invited to the annual Partnership Council to discuss current and future challenges that guide the strategic direction of the Rehab Initiative.

Knowledge partners

Our knowledge partners make non-financial contributions, such as sharing their expertise, advisory, acting as ambassadors, and granting access to their network.

Start-up partners

Our start-up partners provide solutions for the future and make non-financial contributions such as sharing their expertise, advisory, acting as ambassadors, and granting access to their network.

Your benefits as a partner

- Early access to world class research and innovation
- Access to a multidisciplinary network of rehabilitation experts and decision makers
- Extended reach and exposure through branding opportunities

Join the ETH Rehab Initiative as a partner

If you would like to join us on our mission and benefit from our interdisciplinary network, please contact us.

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