



***Fédération Européenne des Parents d'Enfants Déficients Auditifs***

***European Federation of Parents of Hearing Impaired Children***

***Europäischer Verband der Eltern Hörgeschädigter Kinder***

***Federación Europea de Padres de Niños con Discapacidad Auditiva***

## **Abstract**

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### **Across Borders: Supporting Families throughout Europe**

Nicole Schilling (Germany) is president of a member association of FEPEDA, a European NGO founded in 1990 representing associations of parents and friends of deaf and hard of hearing children at a European level.

Schilling will present an overview of FEPEDA's activities and advocacy work including how this umbrella organization provides support to European families coming from different cultures, languages, and socio-economic situations. Her presentation highlights the importance of cooperation and collaboration across borders with proven strategies for valuing diversity, on-going communication, and shared learning.