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***“Equal enjoyment of human rights and freedoms by persons with disabilities:
Achievements and challenges”***

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Draft Programme

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and the Council of Europe**

Monday, 21 March 2016	
13.00 – 19.00	Arrival and accommodation of participants
19.00	Welcome dinner
Tuesday, 22 March 2016	
8.30 – 9.00	Registration of participants Film “About the possible things” (appr. 20 min)
Official opening ceremony Moderator – Dr. Nadezhda Harizanova (Bulgaria), Ministry of Labour and Social Policy (MLSP), member of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	
9.00 – 10.00	Lazar Lazarov (Bulgaria), Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy Gianluca Esposito , Head of Equality and Human Dignity Department, Council of Europe Mincho Koralski (Bulgaria), Executive Director of the Agency for People with Disabilities Snezana Jonica – Chair of the Sub-Committee on Disability and Inclusion, Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ana Djumalieva (Bulgaria), Chairperson of the Commission for Protection against Discrimination Dimitrios Nikolsky (Greece), Chair of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rayko Raychev (Bulgaria) - Director General for Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Plenary session 1 Enhancing participation and equal opportunities of persons with disabilities Moderator – Dr. Nadezhda Harizanova (Bulgaria), MLSP, member of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	
10.00 – 10.30	Lazar Lazarov (Bulgaria), Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy <i>Policy for integration of people with disabilities in Bulgaria</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Dr. Alfredo Ferrante (Italy), member of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities <i>Presentation of the evaluation report on the implementation of the Council of Europe Disability Action Plan and related good practices</i>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break Family photo
11.30 – 11.45	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ana Djumalieva (Bulgaria) - Chairperson of the Commission for Protection against Discrimination <i>Presentation of the CPD practice under the disability element</i>
11.45 – 12.00	Cristina Grozavu , (Romania) member of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities <i>Promoting equal rights and full participation of people with disabilities in society</i>

12.00 – 12.15	Mincho Koralski (Bulgaria) - Executive Director of the Agency for People with Disabilities <i>Presentation of active measures for people with disabilities</i>
12.15 – 12.30	Marie-Jose Schmitt (France) Conference of INGOS <i>Civil Society and Disability</i>
12.30 – 12.45	Questions and answers
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
Plenary session 2 Achievements and best practices to ensure support for persons with disabilities for life in the community Moderator - Brigitte Plumet (Belgium), member of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	
14.30 – 15.00	Eleonora Pachedzhieva (Bulgaria) – Director for Policy for People with Disabilities, Equal Opportunities and Social Benefits, MLSP Presentation of the results of the project implemented by the MLSP to promote the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: <i>A right is not what someone gives you, it's what no one can take from you</i>
15.00 – 15.30	Nevena Peneva (Austria) – EU Fundamental Rights Agency <i>UNCRPD - driver for change across the EU</i>
15.30 – 15.45	Coffee break
15.45 – 16.00	Maria Metodieva (Bulgaria) – Bulgarian Association of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities <i>Presentation of best practices of support of persons with disabilities in their life in the community</i>
16.00 – 16.30	Luk Zelderloo (Belgium), Secretary General of EASPD <i>Presentation of best practice of support to persons of disabilities subjected to multiple discrimination</i>
16.30 – 17.00	Questions and answers
17.00 – 17.15	Conclusions and closing remarks Representatives of MLSP and of Council of Europe
19.00 – 21.00	Dinner