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Conference to launch the Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023



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PROGRAMME

**Filoxenia Conference Centre
Nicosia, Cyprus
27 – 28 March 2017**



Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance



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Monday 27 March 2017

8.15 - 9.00 am **Registration of participants**

Opening Session

Moderator: **Alfredo Ferrante**, Chairperson of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee of experts on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CAHDPH), Italy

9.00 – 9.15 am **Opening remarks:**

Zeta Emilianidou, Minister of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance, Cyprus

Marja Ruotanen, Director of Human Dignity and Equality, Council of Europe

9.15 – 9.30 am **Keynote speech: Nils Muižnieks**, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

9.30 – 10.30 am **High level Round Table**
Albania, Andorra, Cyprus, Greece, Montenegro, Portugal and Serbia.

10.30 – 10.45 am **Coffee break**

Panel 1 – Equality and non-discrimination

Moderator: **Christakis Nicolaides**, President of the Cyprus Confederation of Organisations of the Disabled

10.45 – 11.00 am **Introductory speech: Dr Andrea Broderick**, Council of Europe expert

11.00 – 12.00 pm **Short interventions from panellists and panel discussion**

Dr Stephen Duckworth, Director, Shaw Trust, United Kingdom

Alain Faure, Board member and member of the Executive Committee, European Disability Forum (EDF), France

Pedro Landfors, Swedish Agency for Participation

Mechthild Rawert, Political Rights of Persons with Disabilities, member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

12.00 – 12.30 pm **Questions and discussion**

12.30 – 2.00 pm **Lunch break**

Panel 2 – Awareness raising

Moderator: **Elodie Koukoui**, member of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee of experts on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CAHDPH), Monaco

2.00 – 2.15 pm **Introductory speech: Katrijn Dekoninck**, Council of Europe expert

2.15 – 3.15 pm **Short interventions from panellists and panel discussion**

Ramy El-Bergamy, Channel 4, Onscreen Diversity Executive, United Kingdom

Margaryta Kropivnytska, Deputy Director of the Department of Analytical and Organisational Support, Ministry of Social Policy, Ukraine

Signe Maria Christensen, Deputy Head of Department for Disabled Persons, Ministry for Children and Social Affairs, Denmark

J. Patrick Clarke, Chief Executive Officer, Down Syndrome International, Ireland

3.15 – 3.45 pm **Questions and discussion**

3.45 – 4.00 pm **Coffee break**

Panel 3 – Accessibility

Moderator: **Brigitte Plumet**, member of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee of experts on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CAHDPH), Belgium

4.00 – 4.15 pm **Introductory speech: Professor Anna Lawson**, Council of Europe expert

4.15 – 5.15 pm **Short interventions from panellists and panel discussion**

Emily Rose Yates, Accessibility Consultant, United Kingdom

Inmaculada Placencia-Porrero, Senior Expert, Disability and Inclusion Unit, European Commission

Gerison Lansdown, Consultant, United Kingdom

5.15 – 5.45 pm **Questions and discussion**

7.30 pm **Dinner offered by the Cypriot authorities, Hilton Park Nicosia**

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Panel 4 – Equal recognition before the law

Moderator: **Marie José Schmitt**, Conference of international non-governmental organisations (INGOs) of the Council of Europe

9.00 – 9.15 am **Introductory speech: Professor Gerard Quinn**, Council of Europe expert

9.15 – 10.15 am **Short interventions from panellists and panel discussion**

Leda Koursoumba, Commissioner for Children’s Rights, Cyprus

Luk Zelderloo, Secretary General, European Association for Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD), Belgium

Ieva Leimane-Veldmeijere, Director, Resource Centre for People with Mental Disability “ZELDA”, Latvia

Boglárika Benkó, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights

10.15 – 10.45 am *Questions and discussion*

10.45 – 11.00 am **Coffee break**

Panel 5 - Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse

Moderator: **Dimitris Nikolsky**, member of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee of experts on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CAHDPH), Greece

11.00 – 11.15 am **Introductory speech: Dr Marianne Schulze**, Council of Europe expert

11.15 – 12.15 pm **Short interventions from panellists and panel discussion**

Dr Agnes Kozma, Researcher at the Quality and Outcomes of Person-centred Care Policy Research Unit, Tizard Centre, University of Kent, United Kingdom

Iris Luarisi, member of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)

Dr Błażej Kmiecik, Department of Medical Law, Medical University of Łódź, Poland

Dr Marios Constantinou, Senior Officer, Social Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities, Cyprus

12.15 – 12.45 pm *Questions and discussion*

12.45 – 2.15 pm **Lunch break**

Panel 6 - Public Private Partnerships

Moderator: **Arvid Linden**, member of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee of experts on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CAHDPH), Sweden

2.15 – 2.30 pm **Introductory speech: Elena Bombis**, Manager, Social Sustainability, Legal & Integrity, UN Global Compact

2.30 – 3.30 pm **Short interventions about private sector initiatives**

Daniela Rubio, Advisory Board Member EMEIA for Apple
Distinguished Educators, Spain

David Boucher, Partner, Reed Smith LLP, United Kingdom

Professor Klaus Miesenberger, Johannes Kepler University (JKU),
Linz, Austria

3.30 – 4.00 pm **Questions and discussion**

4.00 – 4.15 pm **Coffee break**

Closing Session

Moderator: **Eveliina Pöyhönen**, Vice-Chair of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee of experts on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CAHDPH), Finland

4.15 – 4.45 pm **Conclusions and Recommendations**
Dr Sally Witcher, General Rapporteur

4.45 – 5.00 pm **Closing remarks by:**

Christina Flourentzou-Kakouri, Director of the Department for the
Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, Cyprus

Liri Kopaçi-Di Michele, Head of Equality Division, Council of Europe

5.00 pm **Close of conference**

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