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THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AD HOC COMMITTEE  
ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
(CAHDPH)

*6th meeting*

REPORT

## I. Opening of the Meeting

The Chair, Mr Alfredo Ferrante, opened the 6th meeting of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CAHDPH) and welcomed members.

Ms Marja Ruotanen, Director of Human Dignity, Equality and Sport Values gave an overview of the latest developments concerning the preparation of the Council of Europe budget and programme of activities for the years 2018-2019, including in the area of disability.

## II. Adoption of the draft agenda and draft order of business

The agenda was adopted as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

## III. Elections of the Chair, Vice-chair and Members of the Bureau

In accordance with the Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 of the Committee of Ministers and Appendix 1 thereto, and in particular Article 12 of the Rules of Procedure for Council of Europe Intergovernmental Committees to the Committee Members, the Committee agreed by consensus:

- *to re-elect Mr Alfredo Ferrante (Italy) as Chair for one year.*
- *to re-elect of Ms Eveliina Pöyhönen (Finland) as the Vice Chair*
- *to re-elect Ms Margaryta Kropivnytska (Ukraine) for one year at the bureau.*

## IV. Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023

- Follow-up to the conference launching the Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023 (27-28 March 2017, Nicosia, Cyprus)

The Chair and the Secretariat thanked members and in particular, the Cypriot authorities, for the successful organisation of the Nicosia Conference, launching the Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023: Human Rights, a Reality for All. The Secretariat informed members about very positive feedback from participants. The event received good media coverage in the host country and some of the member States. The Conference Report: "Human Rights, a Reality for All" is available both in print version and online.

Members agreed that the Conference, with its wealth of discussions, debates and good practice, was an important contribution towards the implementation of the Council of Europe disability Strategy. The experience from the panel discussions on the five priority areas of the Strategy provided a unique contribution towards raising awareness of the Strategy and its importance as a vehicle through which to facilitate participation, co-operation, co-ordination and support for the member States to achieve the Strategy objectives.

The Nicosia Report provides a comprehensive overview of the Conference including interventions, discussions, challenges, good practice and recommendations for the implementation of the Strategy. The report has been published and is also available on line.

The Committee:

- *adopted by consensus the report of the Nicosia Conference.*

- *agreed to disseminate the report widely in order to promote the Strategy and the Committee's work and activities towards its implementation.*
- Discussion on the implementation of the Strategy

On the basis of a working paper prepared by the Secretariat, the Committee held an exchange of views on the implementation of the Strategy.

The participants discussed the ways in which the Council of Europe could support national stakeholders in member States in the process of implementing the Strategy. It was agreed that this could be done by providing member States with guidelines and other useful tools on the implementation of standards, such as: peer-to-peer exchanges and good practice (based on the needs expressed by the member States in the five priority areas and/or cross-cutting issues); training or research and studies on disability related issues; joint action with other sectors of the Council of Europe (such as the Parliamentary Assembly, Children's Rights Division, Violence against Women), etc. Several member States suggested creating a special webpage and gathering examples of good practices on each of the five priority areas. Another suggestion concerned providing special templates to member States and making a compilation of good practices in specific areas of disability rights.

Participants highlighted the importance of collaboration with the civil society, for example through supporting organisations representing persons with disabilities, involving them in the preparation and implementation of activities and events and duly consulting them and taking their suggestions into account in the decision-making process. It was also agreed to use efficiently available human and financial resources, by concentrating on the comparative advantages of the Council of Europe, and strengthening co-operation and synergies to avoid duplication with work and activities carried out by the member States and other regional and international organisations.

Participants stressed the importance of promoting the integration of persons with disabilities in daily life and suggested to mainstream the rights of persons with disabilities at the level of the Council of Europe as well.

Finally, the Committee was informed that unofficial translations of the Strategy in German, Georgian and Ukrainian languages would be soon available online.

The Committee:

- *underlined the importance of using efficiently available human and financial resources for the implementation of the Strategy;*
- *instructed the Secretariat to update the document outlining actions for the implementation of the Strategy and agreed to focus on:*
  - i. small-scale thematic events/round tables and peer-to-peer exchanges*
  - ii. training and capacity-building activities to empower persons with disabilities and the organisations representing them*
  - iii. conduct studies, research and data collection including in co-operation with other partner organisations (regional and international) and NGOs of/for persons with disabilities*
  - iv. prepare and publish factsheets on the priority areas and transversal themes of the Strategy*
  - v. prepare and publish easy-to-read versions of the Strategy and the check lists of the studies*

- vi. prepare studies on the cross-cutting themes of the Strategy*
- vii. subject to availability of resources, consider setting up a database with good practice in the priority areas and transversal themes of the Strategy*
- viii. collect and disseminate good practices.*

– Studies and publications

The Secretariat recalled that five studies on the priority areas of the disability Strategy have been published and are also available online. The Committee members were encouraged to consult and use the studies and the research, good practice, resources and checklists contained therein, as they provide useful guidance for the implementation of the Strategy and the UNCRPD.

Some countries suggested developing an “easy-to-read” version of the Strategy and other documents.

The Committee:

- *welcomed the five studies on the priority areas of the Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023 Human Rights: A Reality for All as useful and practical resources towards action at national and local levels to implement the Strategy.*
- *instructed the Secretariat to promote the studies at events and among relevant stakeholders.*

V. Tour-de-table on the recent development in member States

The acting Chair, Ms Margaryta Kropivnytska (Ukraine), the member of the Bureau, introduced this item. A number of delegations took the floor to present recent developments in their respective countries. They underlined the importance of synergies at both national and international level when implementing policies and organising activities in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities.

Many member States are trying to change the way that employers are considering persons with disabilities and are invested in the process of elaboration of training programs on how to deal with persons with disabilities in an adequate manner. In this respect, a positive trend is to emphasise the abilities of persons with disabilities in order to promote their integration in the labour market.

All the member States are taking measures to promote accessibility in every field such as banking system, built environment, transport, labour market, etc. Many countries are recognising the sign language as an official language. Some countries are also carrying out ambitious projects and measures on universal design. Different measures are also being taken to facilitate the possibility for persons with disabilities to live at home in an independent way. It has been stressed that home and family support, development of assistive devices and accessible ICTs play an important role in this respect.

The tour-de-table also underlined some challenges. It appears that until recent years, member States tend to set aside persons with disabilities and postpone the issue of their inclusion in the society, not knowing how to deal with them adequately. Deinstitutionalisation is among the most important goals of the UNCRPD (Article 19). This certainly constitutes a difficult step, which goes along with the equal recognition before the law (Article 12). Several member States are currently

changing their laws on legal capacity, switching from a guardianship model (where persons with disabilities were deprived of their legal capacity) to a supported decision-making system.

The Committee:

- *took note of the oral reports by members of CAHDPH on recent policy, legislative and other developments and events in the disability field in their respective countries. Members were encouraged to submit information in writing, where available.*
- *instructed the Secretariat to make written information on developments in the member States available on the website of the Committee and update the document on the basis of information provided by the member States.*

## VI. Roundtable Discussions:

During the meeting, two thematic roundtables were organised. The Committee members held an exchange of views with external experts and persons with disabilities, representatives of civil society organisations and specialised service providers focusing on accessibility. The Programme of the roundtables is set out in Appendix 2 to this report and a summary is presented below:

### Roundtable I: Access to information, healthcare and banking services for persons with disabilities

Ms Claire Holland, Enhance the UK: Accessible Websites for persons with disabilities

Many persons with disabilities rely on ICTs to participate in the society. Therefore, the effort needs to be made to develop the necessary assistive devices, to improve web design and render websites more accessible. Accessibility does not only benefit to persons with disabilities. It also benefits the elderly people and children, and more generally, it renders information more understandable for everyone. It needs to be taken into account since the very beginning (as a default option) and not only once the website is already designed. However, accessibility is not a one-time achievement: it does not have to be done perfectly from the very beginning; it also leaves room for progressive improvements. Periodic checks on accessibility should be carried out as well.

Ms Valentina Della Fina, Italian National Research Council (CNR): Access to healthcare for persons with disabilities

Ms Della Fina presented accessibility in the field of healthcare. She gave a detailed overview of the right to accessibility and addressed the question of right to access the healthcare (Article 25). She stressed the fact that states are obliged to provide healthcare to everyone on equal basis and cannot hide behind austerity to justify failure. Denial of access to healthcare amounts to a discriminatory act. Ms Della Fina further analysed the protection of access to healthcare in the European Convention on Human Rights. Contrary to the Oviedo Convention and to the Social Charter, the European Convention on Human Rights does not contain any specific provision on right to healthcare but Articles 2, 3 and 8 often serve as indirect protections.

Mr Jakob Rosin, Accessibility advisor in ICT in Estonia: Access to information for persons with disabilities

Mr Rosin stressed the fact that accessibility is crucial to having access to information and communication. Unfortunately persons with disabilities, in particular deaf people and persons with visual impairments, still face many problems. Access to information is made easier by ICT

apps. They could provide an essential support to persons with disabilities. However, during their conception, designers usually forget to think on the needs of persons with disabilities, because of the small number of potential users. Mr Rosin underlined that apart from accessibility, it is equally important to ensure that websites are handy and convenient to use. It is, therefore important to involve persons with disabilities in testing all tools designed for their use.

Ms Katlin Galambos, Ministry of Human Capacity of Hungary: Access to banking services for persons with disabilities

Ms Galambos presented the case study on how the Hungarian banking system was progressively made accessible for persons with disabilities. Hungary decided to render the banking system more accessible, in reply to Communication No. 1/2010 of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities concerning persons with visual impairments unable to use an ATM. It marked the starting point of the reform which led to the adoption of new legislation along with the National disability program which comprises 80 measures, including for the banking system. The Central Bank of Hungary (CBH) is mandated to monitor the implementation of the measures undertaken by hundreds of financial institutions. The CBH has also issued recommendations (for example online opening account service) and developed a toolkit for creation of an effective customer service in co-operation with other actors.

#### Roundtable II: Access to Justice, sport and universal design for persons with disabilities

Ms Philippa Bragman, Change - Learning Disability Rights Charity: Access to justice for persons with disabilities

Change is an organisation that provides information and advice to persons with disabilities (i.e. easy-to-read publications on parenting, on safe use of internet, etc.), carries out research projects, training and targeted missions on behalf of the British authorities to promote equality and improve the life of persons with disabilities. Ms Bragman focused on the difficulties and obstacles faced by persons with disabilities as they enter the judicial system including traumatic experiences lived by persons with disabilities. Beside the pressure, they feel lost and powerless, partly due to their ignorance of the legal system, but also because of lack of help, lack of training on the judiciary and justice system and lack of accessible information. As a result, this could lead to conviction of persons with disabilities unable to defend themselves, who do not really understand what is going on. Ms Bragman underlined the importance of easy-to-read information and explanations on the functioning of the legal system, along with an adequate support from the police and judiciary before, during and post-trial for persons with disabilities.

Mr Steven Allen, Mental Disability Advocacy Centre (MDAC): Access to justice for persons with disabilities

Mr Allen presented three major international campaigns of MDAC related to mental impairments: (1) on legal capacity ("I'm a Person"), (2) on inclusion and autonomy ("My Home My Choice") and (3) on education ("Schools for All"). These campaigns challenge the old system of guardianship, forced placement in institutions and education in special schools that generate segregation and discrimination. They promote efforts to replace the guardianship regimes with autonomy and supported decision-making and to bring persons with disabilities out of public institutions and support them to live in autonomy.

Mr Rodolfo Cattani, European Disability Forum (EDF): Universal design for persons with disabilities

EDF defends the rights of persons with disabilities in Europe and contributes to abolish all barriers to inclusion and autonomy. Mr Cattani recalled that the UNCRPD is a binding document and states must act in conformity with it. To do so, they need to promote the universal design. The main characteristics of universal design: design accessible for the greatest number of persons, respectful of human dignity, simple and intuitive (regardless the level of education, concentration or sensorial abilities) and convenient with an appropriate size and weight. Mr Cattani also stressed that living has become more complex, among other reasons, because of the technological evolution. Therefore, it is important to make ICTs accessible.

Ms Martha Jo Braycich, Europe-Eurasia Special Olympics; Ms Micheline Van Hess and Ms Lieve Meurisse, Belgian Special Olympic: Access to sport for persons with disabilities, The Special Olympics gathers more than one million volunteers, supporting five million of athletes in thirty different sports. It strives to illustrate how much persons with disabilities can achieve when the society believes in them and when sport is made accessible to them. The focus is on building confidence and raising awareness on the physical potential of athletes with disabilities. The testimony of Ms Van Hess a Special Olympics gold medal winner, best showed what persons with disabilities can achieve when support systems are in place and the focus is on abilities. During her speech, she highlighted the importance of friends and family support.

Åse Kari Haugeto, Norwegian member of the CAHDPH: Universal design for persons with disabilities

Ms Haugeto presented the work of the Delta Centre in Norway which promotes universal design and social inclusion as well as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Norwegian Action Plan for Universal Design (2015-2019) that contains in total a set of 47 measures. She stressed that accessibility and inclusion are cross sectorial responsibilities that call for the contribution of both private and public actors in every field (such as health, culture, sport, architecture, ITC, etc.). The external evaluation of the previous action plan has shown that this policy is working. For example, about 25% of public buildings in Norway are already accessible to wheelchair users. Currently more efforts are being made in the field of ICT and healthcare. Ms Haugeto informed her colleagues that Norway is ready to share its experience with other countries.

In the discussions that ensued, participants and experts agreed that barriers and challenges are significant but solutions and good practice are available and show that things can be done. They agreed that it is important to build partnerships between the public and private sector, involve persons with disabilities and their families as well as organisations that support them.

The Committee:

- *agreed that the content of the discussions and contributions of the round tables – including good practices - provide important input towards the implementation of the Strategy and instructed the Secretariat to make information available on-line.*

## VII. Work carried out by other Council of Europe bodies relevant to disability issues

Mr Régis Brilliat, Executive Secretary of the European Committee of Social Rights of the Council of Europe:

Mr Brilliat recalled that the inclusion of persons with disabilities was enshrined in Article 15 of the European Social Charter. However, the European Committee of Social Rights noted that many member States still have to go a long way to comply with Article 15. More efforts are needed to

encourage the inclusion of persons with disabilities on the labour market. It is regrettable that several member States still have not adopted specific legislation that prohibits discrimination on the grounds of disability. Mr Brillat underlined the importance of continued co-operation with CAHDPH.

Ms Elise Cornu, Head of the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:

Ms Cornu presented the work of the Parliamentary Assembly Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination. In March 2017, the Parliamentary Assembly adopted a Resolution on "Political Rights of Persons with Disabilities: a Democratic Issue," which called for political parties to fight against stereotypes and discrimination of persons with disabilities. Ms Cornu also spoke about a new report under preparation which focuses on the issue of "Detainees with severe disabilities in Europe". In this context, sustained co-operation with CAHDPH will be sought.

Ms Gisella Gori, Children's Rights Division of the Council of Europe:

Ms Gori presented the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2016-2021. Among other things, the Strategy also aims at preventing exclusion and marginalisation of children with disabilities. She underlined in particular one activity relevant to the work of the CAHDPH and the Disability Strategy – the research project on digital lives of children with disabilities. The project presents an opportunity for co-operation and synergies between the two intergovernmental committees.

Stefan Manevski, the European Youth Centre, Education and Training Division of the Youth Department:

Mr Manevski presented the work of the European Youth Centre under the program "youth for democracy" which tries to mainstream the participation of persons with disabilities as well as of youth trainers and social workers. Together with the European Network on Independent Living (ENIL), the Youth Department has organised several study sessions with young people on "inclusion culture" through personal empowerment. The work of the Education and Training Division also include the recommendation on young people's access to social rights in disadvantaged neighbourhoods. This topic is particularly relevant for young people with disabilities who face a higher risk of poverty and exclusion.

Ms Eva Pastarana, Head of HELP Unit (Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals):

Ms Pastarana presented the HELP programme which is designed for legal professionals and seeks to support member States in their efforts to implement the European Convention on Human Rights at the national level through the e-learning platform on human rights and online courses designed by experts on human rights issues. Currently HELP is working on a course on "Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities". Once ready, the CAHDPH members are invited to provide comments on the course, and when finalised, make use of it in their work.

The Committee:

- > *took note of information about work carried out by other Council of Europe bodies in the area of disability;*
- > *agreed on the importance of continued dialogue and co-operation with all Council of Europe bodies in the framework of the implementation of the Strategy.*



## VIII. Co-operation with international/regional organisations in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA):

FRA's work on the rights of persons with disabilities is framed by the principles of self-determination, participation and inclusion, as set out in the UNCRPD. In its Fundamental Rights Report 2017, one chapter is dedicated to the implementation of the UNCRPD and includes Human Rights indicators to evaluate improvements regarding Article 19 on independent living. FRA's current work related to disability area concerns issue of deinstitutionalisation. A study on this topic entitled "Right to independent living of persons with disabilities" is set to be published in October 2017. In addition, FRA has carried out an overview of good practices on community services which address the drivers and barriers of the deinstitutionalisation process at local levels.

European Disability Forum (EDF): The European Disability Forum represents the interests of the 80 million Europeans with disabilities. It is run by persons with disabilities and embodies the famous saying "nothing about us, without us." EDF is closely associated with the work of different international organisations, such as: the EU (monitoring in the implementation of the UNCRPD), UNICEF (in the western Balkans), OSCE and others.

European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD):

EASPD is active in the sphere of inclusion and independent living, employment and education and provides training, guidelines and examples of good practices. EASPD aims at putting persons with disabilities at the centre of the social and legal changes. It co-operates with different international organisations and works closely with private actors, encouraging them to be more inclusive toward persons with disabilities, as illustrated by the annual award given to companies that hire employees with disabilities. EASPD is also an active member of the working group on deinstitutionalisation. EASPD representative informed participants about their on-going work and activities, including the Conference on "Supportive communities and sustainable development" (Montenegro, 26-27 October 2017) and encouraged participants to participate in the event.

The Committee:

- *took note of information on recent developments in the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA); European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD); and European Disability Forum (EDF);*
- *stressed the importance of continuing close dialogue and co-operation with other international organisations and the civil society and service provider organisations regarding the rights of persons with disabilities and the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy.*

## IX. Exchange of views with the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO) on the Draft Additional Protocol concerning the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with mental disorder with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment

The Committee held an exchange with Ms Beatrice Ioan, the Chair of DH-BIO who presented progress with the preparation of the Draft Additional Protocol. She stressed the need to address the heterogeneity of the national regimes on the involuntary placement in institutions and the gaps in certain legislation regarding the protection of persons with mental disabilities against violence and abuses linked to involuntary measures. The Draft Additional Protocol aims at improving the

situation and if adopted, it will promote the development and use of alternatives to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment and limit the latter only to circumstances when they are necessary to help and protect the persons with grave mental disorders and their families.

Ms Ioan recalled that the Draft Additional Protocol provides for many safeguards. The involuntary measures are only to be used as a last resort. In exceptional situations, the text of the Draft Additional Protocol stipulates to have the assistance of a person of trust and procedural safeguards to be provided in order to enable the person subjected to involuntary measures to effectively exercise his/her rights.

In the discussions that ensued, some delegations praised the DH-BIO for its good work and supported its realistic point of view. Others flagged some concerns regarding the Draft Additional Protocol such as for example its compatibility and consistency with the UNCRPD.

The Committee:

- *took note of progress with the preparation of the Additional Protocol concerning the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with mental disorders with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment.*
- *stressed the importance of continued co-operation with DH-BIO, especially in the context of the drafting of the Additional Protocol, and in this regard decided to appoint a representative of the Committee to follow the work of DH-BIO and participate in its meetings.*
- *agreed to collect evidence of and good practices in the field of alternative measures for involuntary placement for persons with mental disorders.*

#### X. CAHDPH and Secretariat's participation to specific events

The Secretariat informed the Committee about the activities that took place in 2017 and which contributed towards the implementation of the Strategy and co-operation and co-ordination with relevant stakeholders and partners:

- Side Events at the 10th session of the Conference of the States Parties (COSP) to the UNCRPD (New York, 13-15 June 2017): Council of Europe co-sponsored two side events: "Reforming social services in Europe to embrace the human rights approach" and "A journey to strengthened co-operation between the international and regional human rights mechanisms: implementation the UNCRPD and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's). The Council of Europe was also invited as a speaker at the event entitled "private Sector Solutions for persons with Visual Disabilities - How to secure Web accessibility for all". Active participation and contribution at the level of the COSP provides an opportunity to promote the Organisation's standards, work and activities in the area of disability and strengthen cooperation with relevant partners.
- Zero Project Conference 2017 (Vienna, 22-23 February 2017): Council of Europe was invited to present the Strategy during the International Policymaker Forum of the Conference thus

contributing towards increased visibility for the Organisation's standards and the work of the Committee in the area of disability. The Conference provides both information, know-how and networking opportunities and the Council of Europe should continue to contribute to future events.

- 17th Session of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Geneva, 20 March 2017): Council of Europe was invited to speak under the agenda item on “Co-operation with other United Nations bodies, specialised agencies, organisations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies” and to present the Strategy. Participation provided an opportunity to inform the UN Committee about the Council of Europe Strategy, priority areas of work and possibilities for cooperation and synergies.

The Committee:

- *took note of oral reports by members of CAHDPH and the Secretariat about events at which they participated since the previous plenary meeting.*

#### XI. Current and future activities at National and International level

The Secretariat informed CAHDPH members about the priorities of the upcoming Danish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (November 2017 - May 2018). Disability is one of the priority areas and in the context of the implementation of the Council of Europe Disability Strategy, Denmark will host and co-organise with the Council of Europe a seminar on awareness raising for persons with disabilities, one of the five priority areas of the Strategy. The seminar will take place on 13-14 December 2017 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Member States that have indicated interest in exchanging on and about awareness raising in their replies to the questionnaire on the implementation of the Strategy will be invited to participate.

The Committee:

- *took note of information provided by the Secretariat about the priorities of the forthcoming chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe by Denmark and their plans to host a seminar focusing on awareness raising, one of the priority areas of the Strategy.*

#### XII. Any Other business

- Request of the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) to be granted the observer status with CAHDPH

The Secretariat presented the request of ENNHRI to be granted the observer status with CAHDPH. ENNHRI's goal is to enhance the promotion and protection of human rights across the wider Europe region, by bringing together National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) to work on a wide range of human rights issues and supporting their development.

The Committee:

- *decided unanimously and by consensus to accept the request of the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) to be granted the observer status with CAHDPH.*

- International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Members exchanged information about initiatives at national level to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

### XIII. Next meeting

The Committee:

- *decided to hold its 7th meeting on 7-9 November 2018*

### XIV. Adoption of the abridged meeting report

The Committee adopted the abridged meeting report.

## Appendix 1

### AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the draft agenda and draft order of business
3. Elections of the Chair, Vice-Chair and the Bureau of the CAHDPH CAHDPH(2017)4E
4. The Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023
  - Follow-up to the conference launching the Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023 (Nicosia, Cyprus, 27-28 March 2017)
    - Conference Report CAHDPH(2017)5E
    - Discussion on the implementation of the Strategy
      - a. Discussion paper CAHDPH(2017)6E
      - b. Table of activities CAHDPH(2017)7E
  - Studies and publications
5. *Tour-de-table* on recent developments in the member States
6. Round-table I: Access to information, healthcare and banking services for persons with disabilities
7. Round-table II: Access to justice, sports and universal design for persons with disabilities
8. Work carried out by other Council of Europe bodies relevant to disability issues – oral communications and presentations
9. Co-operation with international/regional organisations the field of the rights of persons with disabilities – oral communications and presentations
10. Exchange of views with the Chair of the Council of Europe Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO) on the Draft Additional Protocol concerning the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with mental disorder with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment
11. Report on events attended by CAHDPH members, experts and the Secretariat
12. Current and future activities at national and at international level
  - Council of Europe rights of persons with disabilities agenda:
    - a. Czech Chairmanship (May-November 2017)
    - b. Danish Chairmanship (November 2017 – May 2018)
13. Any other business

- Request of the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) to be granted the observer status with CAHDPH

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- International Day of Persons with Disabilities

14. Dates of the next meeting

15. Adoption of the abridged meeting report

Appendix 2

Program of the round table discussions of CAHDPH

Round table I Access to information, healthcare and banking services for persons with disabilities	Round table II Access to justice, sports and universal design for persons with disabilities
Thursday 28 September	Thursday 28 September
9.30-12.30	14.00-17.30
Accessible Websites for persons with disabilities Ms Claire Holland, Enhance the UK	Access to justice for persons with disabilities Mr Steven Allen, Mental Disability Advocacy Centre
Access to healthcare for persons with disabilities Ms Valentina Della Fina, Italian National Research Council (CNR)	Access to justice for persons with disabilities Ms Philipa Bragman, CAHNGE: Learning Disability Rights Charity
Access to information for persons with disabilities Mr Jakob Rosin, Accessibility advisor in ICT, Estonia	Universal design for persons with disabilities Mr Rodolfo Cattani, European Disability Forum (EDF)
Access to banking services for persons with disabilities Ms Katlin Galambos, Ministry of Human Capacity of Hungary	Access to sport for persons with disabilities Ms Martha Jo Braycich, Special Olympics Europe-Eurasia Ms Micheline Van Hess, Belgian Special Olympics Ms Lieve Meurisse, coach, Belgian Special Olympics

## Appendix 3

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