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**EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN MAJOR HAZARDS AGREEMENT  
(EUR-OPA)**

**Workshop  
Disability and Disaster Preparedness – Toolkit Release**

**21 May 2015, 08.30-17.00  
Brussels, Belgium**

**Venue:**  
Council of Europe Liaison Office  
Avenue des Nerviens 85  
1040 Brussels

**AGENDA**

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**08.30 Registration**

**9.00-10.15 Opening session**

- ❖ Ambassador Torbjørn FRØYSNES  
Special Representative of the Secretary General, Director of the Council of Europe Liaison Office, Brussels, Belgium
- ❖ Ms. Paola ALBRITO  
Head of the Regional Office for Europe, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)  
*The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, Inclusiveness and Persons with Disabilities*
- ❖ Ms. Biljana ZUBER  
Policy Officer, Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection ECHO A5, Civil Protection Policy Unit, European Commission  
*The New Union Civil Protection Mechanism. Disability inclusive disaster management*
- ❖ Ms. Inmaculada PLACENCIA-PORRERO  
Deputy Head of Unit, Rights of Persons with Disabilities, European Commission  
*The European Union and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – What are the challenges to be faced (tbc)*
- ❖ Mr. Ivars NAKURTS  
Head of Civil Protection, State Fire and Rescue Service of Latvia  
*Disability inclusive disaster management. Outcomes of the Latvian Presidency of the European Union and future steps*
- ❖ Mr. Steffen HELBING  
Cultural and Visual Communication's Centre for the Deaf, Berlin, Germany  
*Inclusion - a challenge for disaster prevention*
- ❖ Ms. Mechthilde FUHRER  
EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement, Directorate General II, Council of Europe  
*The EUR-OPA network and its views on vulnerable groups*

**10.15-10.35 Introduction to the Toolkit for Good Practice**

- ❖ Mr. Silvio SAGRAMOLA  
Director, Info-Handicap and coordinator of the European Concept for Accessibility Network EuCAN, Luxembourg
- ❖ Prof. Ilan KELMAN  
Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction, University College London, United Kingdom

**10.35-11.00 Coffee break**

**11.00-12.30 Working session**

- ❖ Ms. Greet VAN GOOL  
Federal Public Service of Social Security, Brussels, Belgium  
*The implementation of the UNCRPD in Belgium - The inclusion of people with disabilities in disaster preparedness*

- ❖ Mr. Francesc ARAGALL  
President Design for All Foundation, Barcelona, Spain  
*Impact of Design for All*
- ❖ Prof. Stephanos E. DRITSOS  
European Centre on Prevention and Forecasting of Earthquakes (ECPFE), Greece  
*DRR preparedness: Implementing a training and education strategy in case of earthquakes*

### **12.30-13.30 Lunch break**

### **13.30-14.15 Presentations**

- ❖ Ms. Petra SÖDERQVIST  
Policy Officer, European Union for the Deaf, Brussels, Belgium  
*Disability and Disaster Preparedness – A Deaf Perspective*
- ❖ Mr. Robert SUNDE  
Director of Development & Sales, LESS as, Kapp, Norway  
*Survival for All - equal chances with the right tools*
- ❖ Dr. Çağlar AKGÜNGÖR  
Director of Research, AKUT Institute of Training and Research, Istanbul, Turkey  
*Disasters and the Disabled in Istanbul: An EDUCEN Field Study*
- ❖ Ms. Claudia SCHEDLICH  
European Network for Psychosocial Crisis Management, Bonn, Germany  
*Assisting Disabled in Case of Disaster- Implementation of Psychosocial Crisis Management*

### **14.15-15.45 Exchange sessions**

Exchange of views and experiences on:

- the impact of the UN Convention
- the impact of Design for All
- models and strategies in the case of emergency

### **15.45-16.00 Coffee break**

### **16.00 Plenary session and Handing over of the Toolkit and next steps**

### **17.00 End of the meeting**