

Promoting Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Ambitions, Impact and Challenges Ahead

PROGRAMME

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8.30 – 9.30 am Coffee and registration

Opening Session

Opening remarks and moderator: **Dimitrios Nikolsky, Chair of the Council of Europe Committee of experts on the rights of people with disabilities (DECS-RPD) (Greece)**

9.30 – 10.00 am Welcome Address

- ▶ **Aodhán Ó Ríordáin TD**, Minister of State with special responsibility for Equality, New Communities and Culture and Drugs Strategy (Ireland)
- ▶ **Marja Ruotanen**, Director of Human Dignity and Equality, Council of Europe

10.00 – 10.20 am Dignity: from disability to ability

- ▶ **Philippe Croizon**, Extreme swimmer, columnist and lecturer in the field of persons with disabilities

10.20 – 10.50 am Coffee break

Session 1 – Implementing standards to promote human rights of people with disabilities

10.50 – 11.10 am The Council of Europe Disability Action Plan: results, lessons learnt and challenges ahead

- ▶ **Alfredo Ferrante**, member of the Council of Europe Committee of experts on the rights of people with disabilities (DECS-RPD) (Italy)

11.10 – 11.20 am Social Inclusion and Development through the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

- ▶ **Daniela Bas**, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

11.20 – 11.30 am European Disability Strategy 2010-2020

- ▶ **Inmaculada Placencia-Porrero**, Deputy Head of Unit for Rights of Persons with Disabilities, European Commission

11.30 – 11.50 am Discussion

Session 2 – Empowerment and participation: Persons with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities

Moderator: **Carole Sullivan, Senior Human Rights and Equality Officer, Human Rights and Equality Commission (Ireland)**

11.50 – 12.05 pm Legal empowerment: legislative standards to support decision-making

- ▶ **Gerard Quinn**, Professor, Centre for Disability Law and Policy, National University of Ireland, Galway (Ireland)

12.05 – 12.20 pm Engaging effectively with people with disabilities to ensure access to and participation in consultation processes

- ▶ **Rannveig Traustadóttir**, Professor and Director, Centre for Disability Studies, Faculty of Social and Human Sciences, University of Iceland (Iceland)

12.20 – 12.35 pm Preventing and combating violence and abuse against people with disabilities

- ▶ **Terje Olsen**, Senior Researcher, Nordland Research Institute, Bodø (Norway)

12.35 – 1.00 pm Discussion

1.00 – 2.30 pm Lunch

Session 3 – Commitment, dialogue and co-operation: the stakeholders perspective

Moderator: **Brigitte Plumet**, member DECS-RPD (Belgium)

- 2.30 – 2.45 pm Individualised/Personalised services and support – challenges and perspectives
- ▶ **Luk Zelderloo**, Secretary General, European Association of Service Providers for People with Disabilities (EASPD)
- 2.45 – 3.00 pm Bringing your voices and views to the decision-makers/takers: structures and methods of consultation at national and European level
- ▶ **J. Patrick Clarke**, Chief Executive, Down Syndrome Ireland, Representative of the European Disability Forum (EDF)
- 3.00 – 3.15 pm Public/NGO partnerships: progress and challenges
- ▶ **Anna Rurka**, President of the Conference of the INGOs of the Council of Europe
- 3.15 – 3.45 pm Discussion
- 3.45 – 4.15 pm Coffee break

Session 4 – Achieving independence and active citizenship: from disability to ability

Moderator: **Marie-José Schmitt**, member, Conference of the INGOs of the Council of Europe

- 4.15 – 4.30 pm Employment strategies: the importance and potential of partnerships
- ▶ **Mark Priestley**, Professor of Disability Policy, University of Leeds (United Kingdom)
- 4.30 – 4.45 pm From childhood to adult life: supporting the successful transition
- ▶ **Marc Dessy**, Project Manager, Centre of Coordination and Management of European programmes (Belgium)
- 4.45 – 5.05 pm From Rhetoric to Action: implementing the UN Convention
- ▶ **Eilionóir Flynn**, acting Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, National University of Ireland, Galway (Ireland)
- 5.05 – 5.25 pm Action Plan of the Council of Europe for persons with disabilities: a commitment towards progress and challenges
- ▶ **Marc Maudinet**, Independent Consultant, Pedagogical Director of the Executive Master “management and disability policy” Science Po Executive Education, National Foundation of Political Science, Paris (France)
- 5.25 – 6.00 pm Discussion
- 7.30 pm Dinner and cultural evening

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Session 5 – Inclusion policies for all

Moderator: **Arvid Linden**, member DECS-RPD (Sweden)

- 9.00 – 9.20 am Preparing an Action Plan for Autism
- ▶ **Adam Harris**, Autism Spectrum Information and Meeting Point (AsIAM.ie) (Ireland)
- 9.20 – 9.40 am Advancing practical measures to facilitate use of sign language
- ▶ **Humberto Insolera**, Vice President, European Union of the Deaf (EUD)
- 9.40 – 10.00 am From barrier free to universal design: Theory to practical implementation
- ▶ **Gerald Craddock**, Chief Officer, Centre for Excellence in Universal Design, National Disability Authority (Ireland)
- 10.00 – 10.45 am Discussion
- 10.45 – 11.00 am Coffee break

Closing session

Moderator: **Eveliina Pöyhönen**, member DECS-RPD (Finland)

- 11.00 – 11.20 am Youth engaging in the future
- ▶ **Julie O’Leary**, Communications professional working with people with intellectual disabilities, Self-advocate as a person with a physical disability
- 11.20 – 11.40 am The challenges and opportunities ahead: the Council of Europe strategy for the protection and promotion of human rights of persons with disabilities
- ▶ **Dimitrios Nikolsky**, Chair of the Council of Europe Committee of experts on the rights of people with disabilities (DECS-RPD) (Greece)
- 11.40 – 12.00 pm Closing address
- ▶ **Helen Guinan**, Chairperson of the National Disability Authority of Ireland
 - ▶ **Liri Kopaçi-Di Michele**, Head, Equality Division, Directorate of Human Dignity and Equality, Council of Europe

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