



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Social Affairs
Disability and Inclusion

AGENDA for the EU Disability High Level Group meeting 15 December 2016

Venue: Centre de Conférences Albert Borschette, 36, rue Froissart, 1040 Brussels

Room 4A

Timing	Topics	Speakers
Joint meeting with representatives of civil society		
09.00	Registration (Borschette entrance)	
9.30 – 9.40	1. Opening and approval of minutes of the previous meeting	Georg Fischer (Commission)
9.40 – 9.55	2. Concluding observations of the UN Committee – Slovakia (10 min) Discussion (5 min)	Jan Gabura
9.55 – 10.05	3. The Commission response to the three UN Committee recommendations to be addressed in 2016, information about the EU Framework – state of play (5 min) Discussion (5 min)	Commission
10.05 – 10.30	4. Cases dealt with by the UN Committee Austria – transport accessibility - complaint of a blind person on missing digital audio system (5 min) United Kingdom – the inquiry on the cumulative impact of legislation, policies and measures on social security schemes and on work and employment (from 2010) (10 min) Discussion (10 min)	Max Rubisch Stephanie Harvey

10.30 – 10.45	5. Presentation of the Presidencies' plans Slovakia – outcomes Malta – programme	Eva Hodges Emanuel Darmanin
10.45 – 11.00	6. Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023 (10 minutes) Discussion (5 minutes)	Ita Mirianashvili
11.00 – 11.20	Coffee break	
11.20 – 11.55	7. Information on gender and disability Presentation of European Disability Forum (10 min) The Strategic engagement for gender equality 2016-2019 – disability perspective (10 min) Discussion (15 min)	Ana Pelaez Narveas Katarzyna Ptak (Commission)
11.55 – 13.00	8. EU latest policy developments – Information about the planned activities of the Right Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC) – Accessibility Act – state of play Discussion – European Disability Strategy - summary of the Progress Report Discussion	Commission
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch break	
14.30 – 15.05	9. NGO networks' presentations of main achievements of their grants in 2016 Spina Bifida (10 min) European Blind Union (10 min) Autism Europe (10 min) Discussion	Jana Moravcova Romain Ferretti Aurélie Baranger
15.05 – 15.55	10. Accessibility projects and measures	

	EU Disability Card – Estonia (10 min) EU Disability Card – Malta (10 min) French mobility card (10 min) Project SIMON – state of play (10 min) Discussion (10 min)	Meelis Joost Michael Debattista Thierry Boulissiere, Pascal Froudière Eva Muñoz
15.55 – 16.10	Coffee break	
Restricted session with Member States		
16.10 – 17.10	11. Discussion on the European Accessibility Act – Slovak presidency overview - progress in negotiations in the Council Discussion	Eva Hodges