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European Day of Persons with Disabilities 2016





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The conference will examine the progress which has been made in the EU to promote the rights of persons with disabilities, based on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Each panel will give an overview of the legal and political framework, and how it has changed, followed by personal testimonies and examples.

The annual Access City Award will also be presented by the Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, Marianne Thyssen. The conference will close with a forecast of the challenges and opportunities related to the UN Convention in the EU in the coming years.

The Disability and Inclusion Unit of the European Commission, together with the European Disability Forum, would like to encourage participants to speak during the debate. This is the reason why we have prepared some initial questions and have sent them to participants in advance. Feel free to discuss these topics, as well as your own questions, and meet with other participants during coffee breaks and lunchtime.



DAY 1 - TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2016

08:00 - 09:00 Registration and welcome coffee 09:00 - 09:30 Opening: Emmanuelle Grange, Head of Disability and Inclusion Unit, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission • Michel Servoz, Director General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion **Ioannis Vardakastanis**, President of the European Disability Forum (EDF) • Eva Hodges, Social Policy Attaché, Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the European Union 09:30 - 09:45 Stien Michiels - The Riverkeeper 09:45 - 11:10 Panel 1 - 10 years of the UN Convention: from medical model to human rights model of disability Moderator: Catherine Naughton, Director of the European Disability Forum Presentations/debate: • Personal testimony: Pirkko Mahlamäki, Secretary General of the Finnish María Soledad Cisternas Reyes, UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Questions from the audience between 10:15 - 11:10 11:.10 - 11:30 Coffee break 11:30 - 13:00 Panel 2 - UN Convention and a Social Europe: Poverty, Social Protection and Employment Moderator: Emmanuelle Grange, Head of Disability and Inclusion Unit, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission Presentations/debate: • Rodolfo Cattani, Secretary General of the European Disability Forum. The

European Policy framework and the CRPD

 Esteban Trömel, Senior Disability Specialist, Conditions of Work and Equality Department, International Labour Organization. Discussion on the legal and policy framework for employment in the EU, practical examples of support schemes, good practices of reasonable accommodation for employees

Questions from the audience between 12:15 - 13:00

13:00 - 14:45 Lunch

14:45 – 15:50 Access City Award Ceremony

This European prize recognises the effort of EU cities to become more accessible to growing population of older people and people with disabilities. Seven EU cities will be rewarded for their activities and strategies designed to make cities barrier-free and better places for everyone to live and work.

Marianne Thyssen, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, will hand over the awards to the seven winning cities in the presence of **Beatrice Maria "Bebe" Vio**, Italian wheelchair fencer, gold medal Paralympic Games "Rio 2016", and **Pascal Duquenne**, Best Actor winner at the 1996 Cannes Film Festival.

15:50 – 16:00 Short coffee break

16:00 – 17:45 Panel 3 - Accessibility and freedom of movement within the EU

Moderator: Inmaculada Placencia Porrero, Senior Expert on Social Affairs, Disability and Inclusion Unit, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

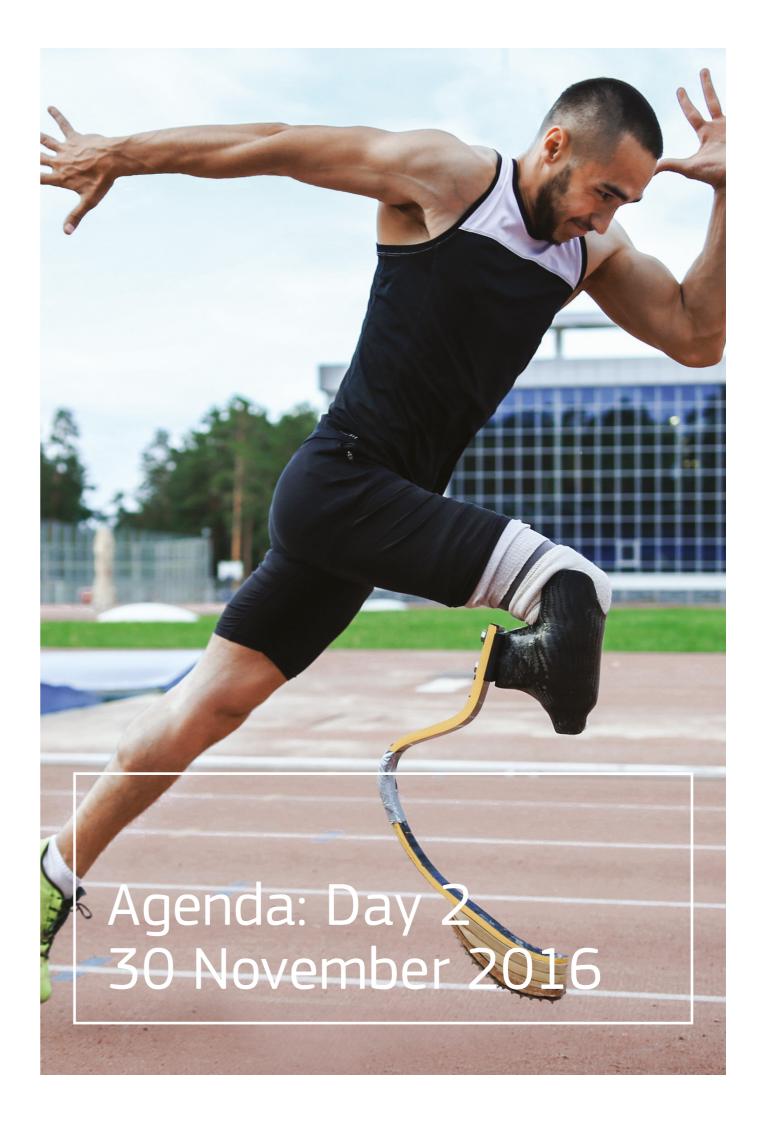
Presentations/debate:

- Ask Løvbjerg Abildgaard, Member of the Executive Committee of the Danish Association of the Blind
- Ruth Lopian, Policy Officer, Social Aspects and Passenger Rights Unit, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission
- Petra Tiihonen, Project Manager of the EU Disability Card project in Finland

Questions from the audience between 17:00 - 17:45

17:45 End of day 1

19:30 Dinner (Hotel Bloom)



DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2016

08:30 - 09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

Opening with Beatrice Maria Vio, Italian wheelchair fencer, gold medal Paralympic

Games "Rio 2016"

09:10 - 10:30 Panel 4 - The Right to Independent Living

Moderator: Stig Langvad, Independent Expert Member of the UN CRPD Committee and rapporteur on the upcoming General Comment on Independent Living

Presentations/debate:

- Personal testimony: Kapka Panayatova, European Network on Independent Living (ENIL) representative
- Rosita Hickey, Head of the Strategic Inquiries Unit, European Ombudsman

Questions from the audience between 09:40 - 10:30

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee break

10:50 – 11:00 Stien Michiels (facilitator) and Muriel Orange (animator)

11:00 – 12:30 Panel 5 - Women with disabilities

Moderator: Helga Stevens, Member of the European Parliament, Co-Chair of the Disability Intergroup, Vice-Chair of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group

Presentations/debate:

- Personal testimony: Joanne McDonald, Disability Equality Officer, Mencap Northern Ireland
- Ana Peláez Narváez, CRPD committee, the rights of women with disabilities and the EU
- Katarzyna Ptak, Policy Officer, Gender Equality, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

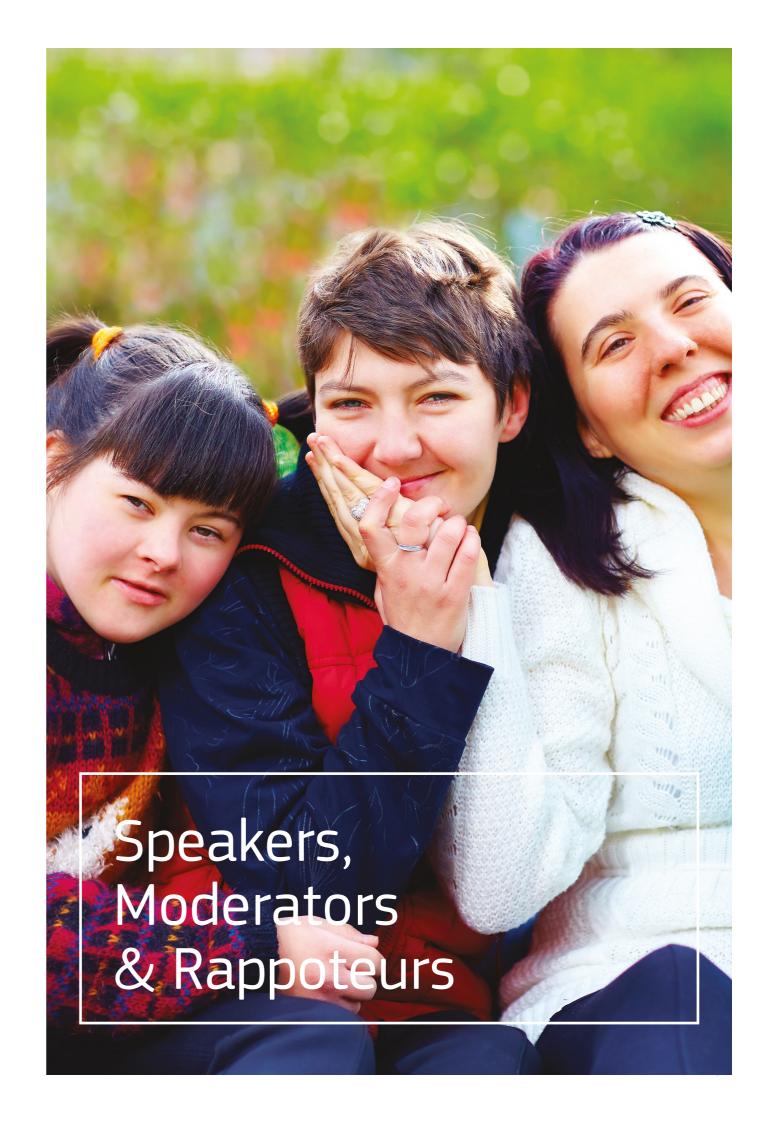
Questions from the audience between 11:40 - 12:30

12:30 – 13:00 Closing

- Gunta Anca, Vice President, European Disability Forum
- **Georg Fischer,** Director for Social Affairs, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- Olga Sehnalová, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats
- Maltese Presidency, Parliamentary Secretary for Rights of Persons with Disability and Active Ageing

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

End of the conference



Opening



Emmanuelle Grange, Head of Disability and Inclusion Unit, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission Emmanuelle Grange joined the European Commission in 1995. During her time with the Commission, she has been in charge of the unit responsible for the internal policy for equal opportunities and non-discrimination within the Directorate-General for Human Resources and Security. She has also been responsible for the strategy and management of human resources at the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. On 1 November 2015, she became Head of the Disability and Inclusion Unit. Emmanuelle studied Political Science in Strasbourg and holds an MA in European Political and Administrative Studies from the College of Europe.



Michel Servoz,
Director General for Employment,
Social Affairs and Inclusion,
European Commission

Michel Servoz became Director General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion in February 2014. Previously he was Deputy Secretary General, involved in the coordination of the EU semester (including the Annual Growth Survey) and of the proposals for the next multi-annual financial framework. From 2005-2010 he was the director of policy coordination for the Secretariat General, where he worked on the development of the Europe 2020 strategy for growth and jobs, and on the preparation of the European Economic recovery plan.



Ioannis Vardakastanis,President of the European Disability
Forum (EDF)

Ioannis Vardakastanis has been the President of the European Disability Forum (EDF), the umbrella organisation of the European Disability movement, since 1999. He has also been the President of the National Confederation of Disabled People of Greece (NCDP), which is the umbrella organisation representing the disability movement of Greece, for the last 20 years. Since 2010 Mr. Vardakastanis has been a member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) representing the National Confederation of Disabled People of Greece in Group III. He is also the Treasurer of the International Disability Alliance (IDA), since 2014, while from 2012 until 2014 he was the chair of that organisation. Throughout his life, he has been an active disability rights campaigner and has held a number of key positions.

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Eva Hodges, Social Policy Attaché, Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the European Union

Eva Hodges is a Social Policy Attaché at the Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the European Union. Since June 2013 she has been responsible for negotiations of legislative and non-legislative acts focused on employment, social affairs and equality. During the Slovak Presidency, from July to December 2016, she has been dealing with dossiers related to the area of gender equality and non-discrimination in a Social Questions Working Party. In this area she primarily manages negotiations concerning a proposal for the European Accessibility Act and a set of Council Conclusions focusing on women and poverty.

Previously Eva worked in the state administration of the Slovak Republic. Since 2003 she has dealt with EU funds, particularly for the Cohesion Fund, and structural funds including the European Social Funds. Within this she has been responsible for the assessment of efficiency and effectiveness of management and control systems, as well as the execution of tasks related to audits and controls performed by various audit and control authorities.

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Panel 1



Catherine Naughton,Director of the European
Disability Forum

Catherine Naughton is the director of the European Disability Forum (EDF). She has formerly worked at the EDFmember organisation, CBM at its EU liaison office as a Director of International Alliances and Advocacy Development, while she has also been the Chair of the International Disability and Development Consortium. Catherine Naughton has been long devoted to the disability movement and she has an extensive knowledge of international cooperation and the European Union She also has a strong commitment to the promotion of the involvement of organisations of persons with disabilities in the decision-making process.



Pirkko Mahlamäki, Secretary General of the Finnish Disability Forum

Ms Pirkko Mahlamäki, MA, BLL, has been Secretary General of the Finnish Disability Forum since 2000 and is a former Policy Officer and current board member of the European Disability Forum. She is the EDF representative on the board of the European Women's Lobby from 2016-2018 and a member of the Non-Discrimination and Equality Tribunal of Finland, as well as an advisory member of the Finnish Delegation to the UN Ad-Hoc Committee preparing the International Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities. Ms Mahlamäki is also a member of the European Community Initiative EQUAL National Monitoring Committee.

She continues to work for the mainstreaming of disability and gender issues, and on promoting the rights of persons with disabilities and gender equality in national, Nordic, European and international networks. She also works for joint civil society activism in the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and promotes independent living solutions for persons with disabilities. In 2009, Ms Mahlamäki was awarded the Cross of Merit of the Order of the White Rose of Finland, and the Human Rights Award by the Finnish Institution of Human Rights.

Panel 1



María Soledad Cisternas Reyes, Lawyer and political scientist. Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, United Nations

Prof. María Soledad Cisternas Reyes is the Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at the United Nations, and an experienced lawyer and political scientist. She is also the director of various legal and interdisciplinary projects, has written several publications and has been invited to many national and international conferences.

Her activities have been numerous at the UN. She has been an expert with the Ad-Hoc Committee that drafted the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, United Nations (CRPD); the Chairperson of the Treaty Body on Human Rights; a rapporteur for individual complaints and for the CRPD Optional Protocol (first period CRPD Committee); a member of various working groups; a participant in various activities UNICEF, UNESCO, UNPD and WHO activities; and a speaker at the General Assembly High Level Meeting on Disability and Development HLMDD (2013).

Prof. Cisternas has also received many awards including the Star of Hope Latin America, Colombia (1999); "Equality and non-Discrimination", Mexico (2008); Distinction of the House of Representatives and Senate of Chile (2008-2009); the Elena Caffarena Prize on International Women's Day (2009); "100 Women Leaders 2012-2014", El Mercurio; "Chamber of Deputies Medal", (2013); and the National Human Rights Award Chile (2014–2015).

Speaker

Esteban Trömel,Senior Disability Specialist,
Conditions of Work and Equality
Department, International Labour
Organization

Since August 2013, Esteban Trömel has been Senior Disability Specialist in the International Labour Organization where his current duties include the coordination of the ILO Global Business and Disability Network. Between 2008 and 2013, he was Executive Director of the International Disability Alliance, the global umbrella organisation of organisations for persons with disabilities. In this position he coordinated advocacy work with the United Nations treaty bodies, UN Human Rights Council, UN agencies and other relevant stakeholders.

Between 1999 and 2004, Esteban was Director of the European Disability Forum (EDF), the most representative disability organisation at European Union level. He coordinated advocacy work related to the EU directive on equal treatment in employment, EU public procurement legislation and the Council of Europe action plan on the rights of persons with disabilities. He was also actively involved in the negotiation process of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2002–2006), representing EDF in the International Disability Caucus.

From 1990-1999, Esteban was in charge of analysing employment projects in Fundación ONCE (Spain).

Panel 2



Rodolfo Cattani, Secretary General of the European Disability Forum, the European Policy Framework and the CRPD

Rodolfo Cattani has a degree in Philosophy of Science from Bologna University. He worked as a school teacher for 13 years and for almost 20 years he was Managing Director of the Italian National Library for the Blind. He has occupied several positions within the Italian Union of the Blind and Partially Sighted (since 1969) and the European Blind Union (since 1984), where he is currently the Chairman of the Commission for Liaising with the EU.

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Since April 2014, Rodolfo has been the President of the Italian Disability Forum and he is currently the Secretary General of the European Disability Forum (EDF), where he has held various positions since 1997. As an EDF representative, he is/has been a member of, amongst others, the following bodies:

- Vice-President of the Platform of European Social NGOs, 2011-2015;
- Chair of CEN/ISSS (CEN's Information Society Standardisation System) workshop on web accessibility certification, 2005-2006;
- Member of the Design for All Working Group of ANEC (European Association for the Coordination of Consumer Representation in Standardisation), 2006-2015;
- Member of the jury of the ACI EUROPE Best Airport Awards, 2007-2010;
- Member of the jury of the Vodafone Foundation Smart Accessibility Awards, 2011-2012;
- Member of the European Multi-Stakeholder Platform on ICT Standardisation since 2012.

Access City Award



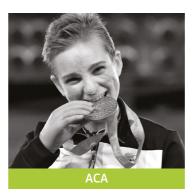
Marianne Thyssen,Commissioner for Employment,
Social Affairs, Skills and Labour
Mobility, European Commission

In 1991, Marianne Thyssen was elected as the Member of the European Parliament for Flanders with the CD&V (the Flemish Christian Democrats in Belgium) and has since spent over 24 years in politics. She was elected leader of the CD&V party in 2008. She also served as the leader of the European People's Party's (EPP) Belgian delegation and, from 2004-2009, was elected the first Vice-President of the EPP.

She holds a degree in law from the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium. Prior to entering politics, Marianne worked as a legal adviser for a Belgian organisation for SMEs and the self-employed, the women's network Markant, and for the state secretary for public health and disability policy.

In 2014, Marianne Thyssen was appointed to the Juncker administration as Commissioner in charge of Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility.

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Beatrice Maria Vio, 2016 Paralympic wheelchair fencing champion

Born in Venice, Beatrice Maria 'Bebe' Vio lives in Mogliano Veneto with her family. A keen fencer as a child, at the age of 11 she was affected by sudden severe meningitis, which led to the amputation of four of her limbs. Her strength and determination led her back to fencing and in 2016 she won the gold medal in the individual women's foil at the Rio Paralympic Games.

Access City Award



Pascal Duquenne,Belgian actor and Best Actor award in 1996 Cannes Film Festival

Pascal Duquenne entered theatre and the performing arts in his teenage years, at which point he participated in a number of dance and theatre performances as part of the "Créahm" (creation and mental disability) theatre company in Brussels.

During one of his performances on stage, filmmaker Jaco Van Dormael noticed his talents and, a few years later, offered him his first cinematic roles. In 1996, he won the Best Actor prize at the Cannes Film Festival together with Daniel Auteuil for the film "Le Huitième Jour" (The Eighth Day) in which he played the role of a young man with Down Syndrome.

In 2002, the Belgian association "Le Huitième Jour", named after the film, was established. Pascal is part of the association which helps the integration of disabled people through community organisations.

After performing in a European tour with the theatre play "Le Père Noël voit rouge" (Father Christmas sees red), which was written and performed by four actors with Down Syndrome, he participated in the "Champ d'émotion" (Field of Emotion) dance show. Since 2000, Pascal has been involved in an etching course in Brussels organised by Créahm. He creates portraits in black and white. In 2004 he received the title of "Commander of the Order of the Crown" from King Albert II of Belgium. Between 2010 and 2015 he made appearances in Director Jaco Van Dormael's films "Mr. Nobody" and "Le Tout Nouveau Testament" (The Brand New Testament). He is also currently part of the musical project "The Choolers".

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Panel 3



Inmaculada Placencia Porrero, Senior Expert on Social Affairs, Disability and Inclusion Unit, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Inmaculada Placencia Porrero is Senior Expert at the Disability and Inclusion Unit within the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion at the European Commission. The unit is responsible for the coordination of European policies for persons with disabilities, the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 and the implementation of the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities at EU level.

Previously Inmaculada graduated with a degree in Physics and Computer Science and worked in research and technical development activities in industry. She joined the European Commission in 1991 and worked on several research programmes addressing accessibility and applications for older persons and people with disabilities. She was also Deputy Head of Unit for various disability-related units in the European Commission.

Her work in the "e-Inclusion" unit of the Directorate-General for Information Society and Media addressed policy-related activities in the area of accessibility, eAccessibility and eInclusion at European and international level, and was also related to Design for All and Assistive technologies. During her time in the Directorate-General for Justice she contributed to the development of disability-related antidiscrimination legislation and other legislative files related to accessibility. She was also responsible for the Task Force for the preparation of the European Accessibility Act and remains responsible since its adoption in 2015.



Ask Løvbjerg Abildgaard,Member of the Executive
Committee of the Danish Association
of the Blind

Based in Copenhagen, Denmark, Ask Løvbjerg Abildgaard works as a disability rights advocate at national and international level. Currently, Ask is a working member of the Executive Committee of the Danish Association of the Blind. In addition, Ask is a member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) representing the disability community in the EU in general and in Denmark in particular.

Previously, Ask worked across a number of policy areas of relevance for persons with disabilities ranging from accessibility to physical infrastructure and transport to European funding mechanisms. He worked on the coordination of EU social policies, for the European Disability Forum (EDF) in Brussels, the umbrella body for the European disability movement, as well as Disabled People's Organisations Denmark, the umbrella for Danish disability organisations.

Blind himself, Ask has held a number of paid and unpaid positions in grassroots disability organisations in Denmark. His academic background is in philosophy and social science, and he holds Master's Degrees in disability studies and political science.

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Speaker

Ruth Lopian,Policy Officer, Social Aspects and
Passenger Rights Unit, DirectorateGeneral for Mobility and Transport,
European Commission

Ruth Lopian is a Policy Officer in the Social Aspects and Passenger Rights Unit of the European Commission Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport. She deals with the rights of air and rail passengers, and passengers with disabilities or reduced mobility across transport modes. She joined the European Commission in 1993 and worked in a number of different departments (e.g. Transport, Enlargement, Internal Market and Competition) before taking up her current position.



Petra Tiihonen,Project Manager of the EU Disability
Card project in Finland

Petra Tiihonen is the project manager of the European Disability Card project in Finland. She is committed to promoting and improving the human rights and full participation of persons with disabilities, and has several years of experience in developing personcentered support and services for persons with disabilities. Petra holds a Master's Degree in Social Sciences and has been working in the Service Foundation for People with Intellectual Disabilities in Finland since 2009.

Panel 4

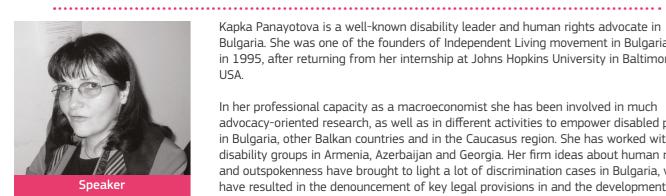


Stig Langvad, Independent Expert Member of the UN CRPD Committee and rapporteur on the upcoming General Comment on Independent Living

Stig Langvad holds a Master's degree in Political Science and began his career in 1985 as a political adviser to the Mayor responsible for Social Affairs in the second largest city in Denmark. In 1998, he was elected Vice-Chairman and in 2000 Chairman of the Disabled People's Organisations Denmark, which represents 33 disability organisations. In 2001, he was elected to the board and later to the Executive Committee of the European Disability Forum, and in 2010, he was invited to join the committee under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as an independent expert member. From 2014 to 2016, Stig worked within one of the largest trust funds in Denmark and by September 2016 he had started working in Coloplast A/S.

Throughout his career, Stig has served in many governmental and private entities, and as currently the chairperson or board member of several including The Danish Institute of Human Rights.

In his personal life, Stig suffered a spinal cord injury in a traffic accident in 1973. After spending four years in hospital, he was able to return to his local community through an independent living scheme. He now lives near Copenhagen with his wife and personal assistants.

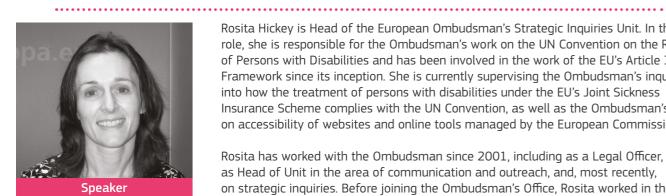


Kapka Panayatova, European Network on Independent Living (ENIL) representative

Kapka Panavotova is a well-known disability leader and human rights advocate in Bulgaria. She was one of the founders of Independent Living movement in Bulgaria back in 1995, after returning from her internship at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, USA.

In her professional capacity as a macroeconomist she has been involved in much advocacy-oriented research, as well as in different activities to empower disabled people in Bulgaria, other Balkan countries and in the Caucasus region. She has worked with disability groups in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. Her firm ideas about human rights and outspokenness have brought to light a lot of discrimination cases in Bulgaria, which have resulted in the denouncement of key legal provisions in and the development of entirely new anti-discrimination legislation.

Over the last 10 years Kapka has been a disability consultant, trainer and researcher in Bulgaria. She contributed to the International Disability Rights Monitor (2006) and the work of Academic Network of European Disability Experts on Disability Policies in Europe.



Rosita Hickey, Head of the Strategic Inquiries Unit, European Ombudsman

Rosita Hickey is Head of the European Ombudsman's Strategic Inquiries Unit. In this role, she is responsible for the Ombudsman's work on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and has been involved in the work of the EU's Article 33(2) Framework since its inception. She is currently supervising the Ombudsman's inquiry into how the treatment of persons with disabilities under the EU's Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme complies with the UN Convention, as well as the Ombudsman's work on accessibility of websites and online tools managed by the European Commission.

Rosita has worked with the Ombudsman since 2001, including as a Legal Officer, as Head of Unit in the area of communication and outreach, and, most recently, on strategic inquiries. Before joining the Ombudsman's Office, Rosita worked in the Directorate-General for Agriculture at the European Commission and, before that, as a journalist for a specialised agricultural publication.

She holds a first class Honour's Degree from University College Dublin (Ireland) in International Business with French, a Master's in European Public Administration from the College of Europe in Bruges, and a Masters of Arts in European Law from King's College London.

Panel 5



Helga Stevens, Member of the European Parliament, Co-Chair of the Disability Intergroup, Vice-Chair of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group

Helga Stevens is the first female deaf Member of the European Parliament (EP) and a member of the Flemish N-VA. She was elected into the EP in 2014, is the Vice-President of the European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) group and is the Co-Chair of the Disability Intergroup. She was previously a Member of the Flemish Parliament and the Belgian Senate, while at the same time being elected to Ghent city council.

In 1993 Helga was the first deaf person to be awarded a law degree in Belgium (Licentiate in Law) from the Catholic University of Leuven and she also has a Master of Laws (LL.M) from the University of California in Berkeley, USA.

Currently, Helga is an honorary member of the Ghent Bar. After working in a law office in Brussels she became the Director and President of the European Union of the Deaf (EUD) for several years. In the European Parliament she is a Member of the LIBE Committee (Civil Liberties, Home Affairs and Justice) and the EMPL Committee (Employment and Social Affairs). Her main areas of focus are disability and equality, as well as migration and privacy.

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Joanne McDonald, Disability Equality Officer, Mencap Northern Ireland

Joanne McDonald has been employed as a Disability Equality Officer for Mencap for over 10 years. In this role she provides disability awareness training to organisations and employers. She also works as a peer advocate, facilitating focus groups with users of employment services to get feedback on the quality of their experience. In this capacity Joanne won the Mencap UK Staff Award as outstanding employee of the year.

Joanne is passionate about educating people about disability and encouraging others to become aware of how to include people with an intellectual disability in their workplace and community. She has addressed the All Party Assembly Group on Learning Disability and the Committee on Employment and Learning in the Northern Ireland Assembly. She was also the first person with an intellectual disability to be appointed by the Minister of Health and Social Services to the steering committee of the Bamford Review of Mental Health and Learning Disability policy and services in Northern Ireland. She later served on the monitoring group that oversees the implementation of the resulting action plan.

A founding member of a self-advocacy group in her local area, Joanne has also spoken at several conferences including Europe In Action, Inclusion Europe's annual conference.



Ana Peláez Narváez, CRPD committee, the rights of women with disabilities and the EU

Ana Peláez Narváez is an expert on the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. She is also a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of the European Disability Forum, as well as Executive Advisor for International Relations and External Development of ONCE (Spanish National Association of the Blind) and its Foundation.

Panel 5



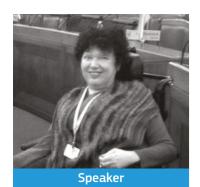
Katarzyna Ptak,Policy Officer, Gender Equality,
Directorate-General for Justice and
Consumers, European Commission

Katarzyna Ptak has been a Policy Officer in the Gender Equality Unit of the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers since 2014. She deals with gender equality issues related to poverty, social protection and migration. She is also in charge of relations with the European Institute for Gender Equality.

Katarzyna has been working at the European Commission since 2003. Before joining DG Justice she spent 11 years in the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion dealing with policy monitoring in Poland and management of the European Social Fund.

She is an economist from the University of Economics in Poznan.

Closing



Gunta Anca,Disability rights activist, Chair of
SUSTENTO - the Latvian Umbrella
Body for Disability and Patient
Organisations

Ms Gunta Anca has been the Chair of SUSTENTO, the Latvian Umbrella Body for Disability and Patient Organisations, since 2002. She became a member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) in 2004 and acted as an advisor to the Global Disability Rights Fund between 2008 and 2011 – providing collaboration between donors and the disability community to advance the new UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). Ms Anca has also been a board member within the European Disability Forum (EDF) since 2005 and became Vice-President in 2013.

Ms Anca is very active in promoting gender equality as a member of the EDF Women's Committee, and also as a board member of the European Women's Lobby since 2006. She has also been a proactive disability rights activist throughout her career.



Georg Fischer,Director for Social Affairs,
Directorate-General for
Employment, Social Affairs and

Inclusion, European Commission

Georg Fischer, a labour economist, is the current Director for Social Affairs in the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion at the European Commission. He was previously the Director for Analysis, Evaluation and External Relations, as well as the units for social protection and employment.

From 2015-2016, Georg was the visiting fellow at the European Studies Council at the Yale University MacMillan Center, studying the US welfare system and labour market, and from 2011-2015 he was a member of the European Commission Impact Assessment Board.

In the 1980s and 1990s he worked for the Austrian government in the Ministry of Labour and as a policy adviser to the Minister of Finance. From 1990-1992 he led a team at the OECD (Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development) dealing with labour market and welfare issues in Central and Eastern European transition economies.

In 1990, Georg was a visiting research fellow at the Social Science Centre Berlin and in 1995 he served as an advisor to the Economic Cooperation Foundation Tel Aviv. He is an IZA (Institute for the Study of Labour) policy fellow and member of a number of research institute advisory boards in Europe.



Olga Sehnalová,Member of the European
Parliament, Group of the
Progressive Alliance of Socialists
and Democrats

Olga Sehnalová graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of Masaryk University in Brno in 1995. After finishing her studies, she had been working as a doctor in Kroměříž hospital. Her political career has started in 1998, when she became a Deputy Mayor of her hometown Kroměříž, the Czech Republic. In 2009, she was first elected as the Member of the European Parliament for the Czech Social Democratic Party (ČSSD) and joined the Internal Market and Consumer Protection and Transport and Tourism committees. After her re-election in 2014, she returned to her work in both committees. In addition to her activities in the committees, she is the vice-president of the Disability Intergroup in the European Parliament and the first Vice-Chair of the Delegation for Relations with Israel. Apart of the disability agenda, her main priorities in the parliamentary work are consumer protection in the Single Market, notably issues of discrimination of consumers, unfair commercial practices, road safety or different quality of products. Currently, she is the Parliament's S&D group shadow rapporteur on the European Accessibility Act both in the IMCO and TRAN committees.



Justyne Caruana,Maltese Presidency, Parliamentary
Secretary for Rights of Persons with
Disability and Active Ageing

The Hon. Dr Justyne Caruana is Malta's Parliamentary Secretary for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Active Ageing since April 2014. This is the first legislature that has an appointed a secretary of state with a Governmental portfolio dedicated specifically to persons with disability. She was first elected to Parliament in 2003 and successively in 2008 and 2013, always from her native Gozo constituency. Dr Caruana previously shadowed the portfolio for Youth, Culture and Sports, Disability, Children's rights and Family for which areas she was the Opposition's spokesperson. As head of the Maltese Parliament's delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM), she also serves on the gender equality task force and is rapporteur of the first committee on political affairs. Dr Caruana was regional representative of the UK, British Isles and Mediterranean Region on the Steering Committee of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians and currently represents Malta on its Regional British Isles and Mediterranean Steering Committee. She is also a Member of Public Accounts Committee and a member of the Select Committee on Standards, Ethics and Proper Behaviour in Public Life of the Maltese Parliament.

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Mary O'Hara is an award-winning journalist, author and media consultant specialising in social affairs and social justice. She freelances across a number of publications and platforms including The Guardian in the UK and the US where she has a monthly social policy column. She also works by request on a contractual basis with NGOs and charities as a consultant and editor.

Mary is director and co-producer of a documentary short about suicide, Beyond the Railings, and authored the most recent UK national Samaritans Media Guidelines on reporting suicide and self-harm. She is the recipient of numerous awards including an Alistair Cooke Fulbright Scholarship, Mind Journalist of the Year, 'Highly Commended European Diversity Journalist of the Year', and silver winner LA Press Club international columnist of the year. She is on the board of the Arts Emergency charity and is Chair and Co-founder of The David Nobbs Memorial Trust.

Mary's book, Austerity Bites: A journey to the sharp end of cuts in the UK, about the impact of government cuts and welfare reform since 2010, is published by Policy Press in the UK and The University of Chicago Press in the US. She was educated at The University of Cambridge and UC Berkeley, California.

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Stien Michiels. Facilitator and artistic reporter, The Riverkeeper

Stien Michiels is a Brussels-based team coach, facilitator, trainer, artistic harvester and artist. Her interventions in organisations and teams focus on cultural and relational transformation. She feels at home at all organisational levels and in any environment, be it business, government or non-profit. She loves working with groups of any size, creating safe spaces where the unspoken can surface and profound transformation can take place.

Stien is an experienced and skilful practitioner of approaches and methods such as the Art of Hosting, Appreciative Inquiry, Open Space, Deep Democracy, Theory U, Systemic Constellations, Rituals, Audiovisual Harvesting, Storytelling and Poetry. She also uses her writing skills and her audiovisual creativity for harvesting purposes, and she co-creates and facilitates special moments of celebration for individuals and organisations, to mark important transitions in a powerful way.

Stien founded the Poets Playground, a band that combines music with poetry, and Compagnie Tisserin a.s.b.l., a theatre company that weaves links between disciplines. places and people. She is also the co-founder of the civil movement Circles: We have the choice.



Muriel Orange. Teacher, artist and discoverer of talents

Muriel Orange has always been a creative person and has always loved to draw. She graduated as an art teacher and holds a diploma from the Painting Academy. She has also specialised in graphology to develop a therapy in order to help children with specific needs.

Throughout the training she offers, Muriel always seeks to value each individual's experience. She truly believes that sharing is essential and that connecting people makes them richer. Her work in schools is essential to encourage the self-confidence of children with difficulties and to inspire them to learn. With her art, she is able to make "the saddest of the materials" happier. In short, she uses her art to teach.

In her adult-oriented courses, Muriel offers a free space for creation. She provides a break that enables people to take time and gives them a sense of fulfillment, and she helps people to meet each other, without the need for results. She pays attention to everyone and is passionate about the difference her work can make.

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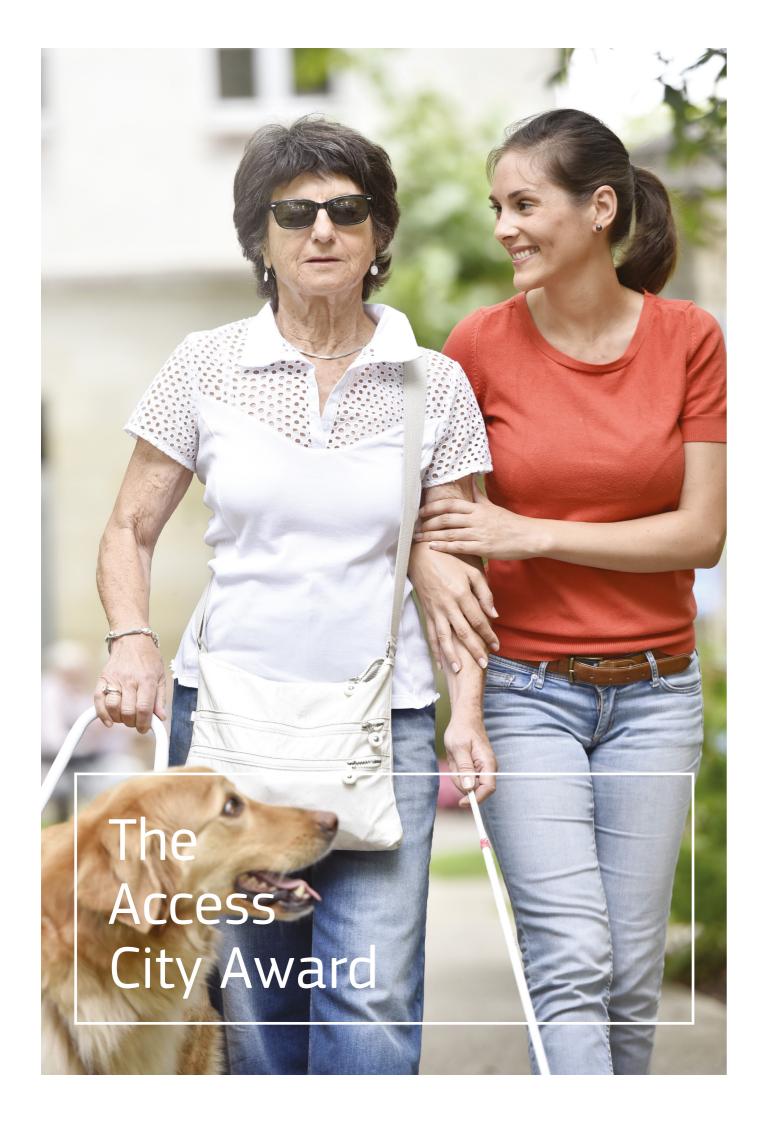
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The Access City Award

Since 2010, the Access City Award rewards cities for their work to achieve more accessible environments in all areas of life, making cities more inclusive and accessible to all. Every edition shows good examples of projects, demonstrating the enthusiasm and commitment of cities across the EU in facilitating accessibility for disabled and older people. In the last five years, over 270 cities have applied for the award. Projects presented by cities provide a wealth of ideas for making cities better places to live for all.

Awards will be handed out to seven EU cities at a ceremony taking place during the conference on 29 November. The winning cities will be awarded for their efforts to make it easier for the disabled and older people to gain access to public and private areas such as housing, children's play areas, work environments, public transport, communication technologies.

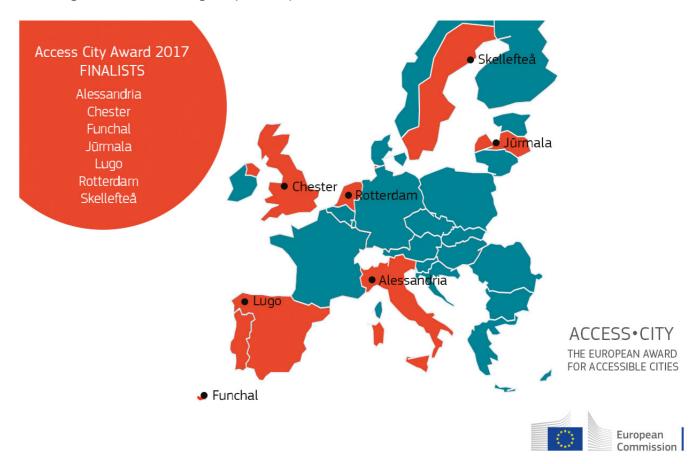
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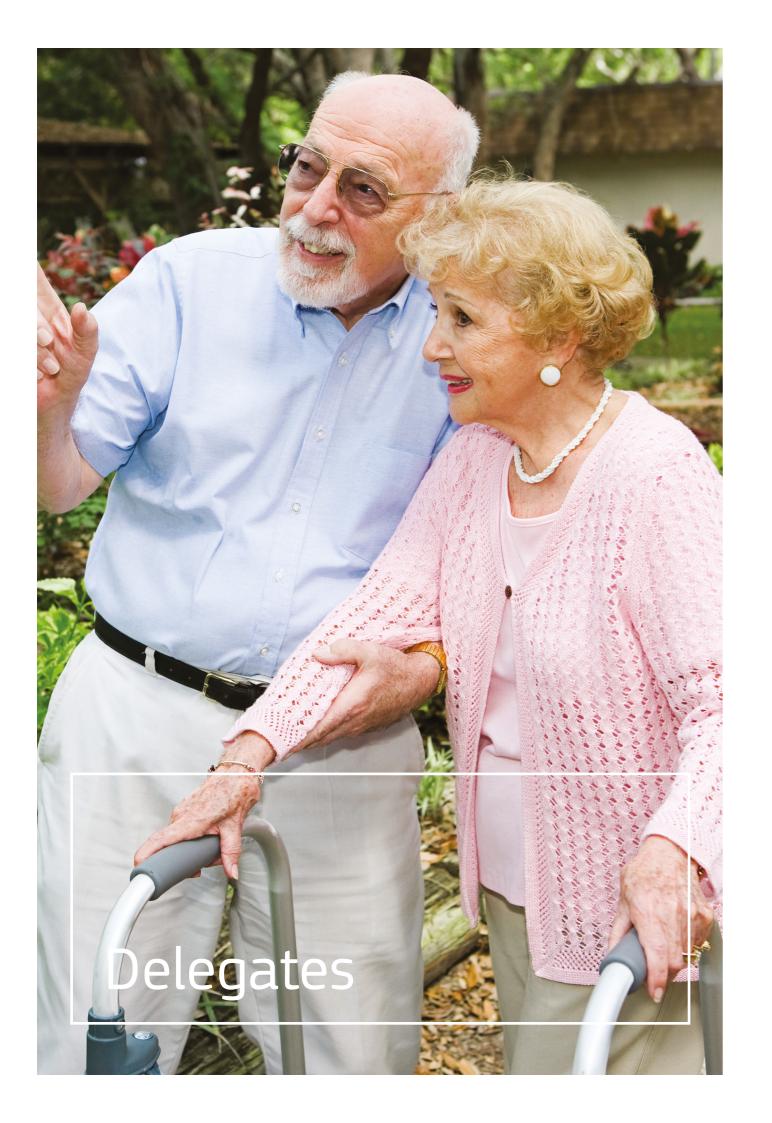
The Award is part of the EU's wider efforts to create a barrier-free Europe. Improved accessibility helps remove the too many barriers that people with disabilities still face in their daily life: using transports, accessing information, or living independently.

There are around 80 million people with disabilities in the EU. As the EU population ages, this number will grow. It has consequently become increasingly important to create environments within which people can live independently and with dignity throughout their lives. The European prize for making cities more accessible to people with disabilities and older people recognises outstanding efforts by cities that have worked towards achieving this goal.

The competition also provides a golden opportunity for public authorities to look at the pluses and minuses of their city in terms of accessibility and take action to improve. The Access City Award illustrates a very wide range of initiatives and policies covered: from policies on accessible housing, to children's play areas, workplaces and public transport information; every aspect of city life needs to take account of the changing demographics.

In line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, accessibility is one of the pillars of the European Union's Disability Strategy 2010-2020 which aims at creating a barrier-free Europe for all.





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