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# Work Forum on the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the EU and the Member States

## PROGRAMME

*29 May 2018, 9:00 – 17:00*

*Charlemagne Building, Alcide de Gasperi Room*

08:00 – 09:00	Participants' registration & welcome coffee
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Opening</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Welcome by Manuela Geleng, Acting Director Social Affairs, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission</i></li> <li>• <i>Margarita Dilkovska, Bulgarian Presidency, Permanent Representation of Bulgaria to the EU (tbc)</i></li> <li>• <i>Gunta Anca, Board Secretary, European Disability Forum</i></li> <li>• <i>Catalina Devandas, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of persons with disabilities</i></li> </ul>
09:30 – 10:30	<b>Health, habilitation and rehabilitation in the CRPD</b>
	<p><i>Moderator: Alarcos Cieza, World Health Organisation, Geneva</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview on recommendations (CRPD, women, forced treatment) –<i>Pirkko Mahlamäki, Board member, EDF</i></li> <li>- Health indicators – <i>Stefanos Grammenos, ANED Expert, CESEP</i></li> <li>- Cross-border access to health care – <i>Janina Arsenjeva, Europe programme manager, International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus</i></li> <li>- Rare diseases and disability, <i>Raquel Castro, Social Policy Senior Manager, EURORDIS-Rare Diseases Europe</i></li> </ul>
10:30– 11:00	<b>Debate</b>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Knowing your rights: Disability awareness and training programmes</b>
	<p><i>Moderator: Nadia Hadad, Board member, EDF</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Training, awareness-raising campaign among service providers – <i>Luk Zelderloo, Secretary General, EASPD</i></li> <li>- Training of professionals on the UNCRPD – <i>Maria Gómez, Research Associate, Centre for Disability Law and Policy, National University of Ireland Galway</i></li> <li>- Analysing the portrayal of disabilities in the media, <i>Joëlle Desterbecq, Director for Studies and Research, Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel (Belgium)</i></li> <li>- Awareness-raising campaign: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• France: 2017 awareness-raising campaign #Sans Limites – <i>Eric Blanchet, Director General of Ladapt</i></li> <li>• Hungary: MONDO, an awareness-raising card game – <i>Csaba Gosztonyi, Managing Director, Carbon Group Communication</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
12:30 – 13:00	<b>Debate</b>
13:00 – 14.30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	<b>The role of UNCRPD Committee</b>
	<p><i>Moderator: Ima Placencia, Senior Expert, DG EMPL, European Commission</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Human rights committees in practice – <i>Birgit Van Hout, Regional Representative for Europe, UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR)</i></li> <li>- The role and work in the UN CRPD Committee – <i>László Lóvaszy, Independent Expert to the United Nations CRPD Committee</i></li> <li>- A national experience proposing a candidate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malta – <i>Michael Debattista, Assistant Manager Projects and Research, Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability</i></li> <li>• Poland – <i>Dobroniega Trawkowska, Associate professor at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Institute of Sociology, Department of Research on Social Problems and Social Work</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>- Users views on the CRPD committee – <i>An-Sofie Leenknecht, Human rights coordinator, EDF</i></li> </ul>
16:00 – 16:30	<b>Debate</b>
16:30 – 17:00	<b>Closing remarks</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Emmanuelle Grange, Head of Unit, DG EMPL, European Commission</i></li> <li>• <i>Pat Clarke, Vice-President of EDF</i></li> <li>• <i>Andreas Reinalter, Austrian Presidency, Deputy Head of Unit, Federal Ministry of Labour, Health, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection</i></li> </ul>