

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

**13 May 2019, 9:00 – 17:00**  
**Charlemagne Building, Alcide de Gasperi Room**

**PROGRAMME**

<b>08:00 – 09:00</b>	Participants' registration & welcome coffee
<b>09:00 – 09:30</b>	<b>Opening</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Welcome by Katarina Ivanković Knežević, Director Social Affairs, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission</i></li> <li>• <i>Cosmin Boianiu, Deputy Permanent Representative of Romania to the EU</i></li> <li>• <i>Pat Clarke, Vice-President of the European Disability Forum (EDF)</i></li> </ul>
<b>09:30 – 10:30</b>	<b>Political Participation: Upcoming European Elections</b>
	<p><i>Moderator: Ima Placencia, Senior Expert, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Vote for all: Legal reforms in French law – Sophie Rattaire, Universal Accessibility and Inclusion Coordinator, Comité interministériel du Handicap (Interministerial Disability Committee)</i></li> <li>• <i>Practical organisation of disability inclusive elections – Cristina Frutos López, Head of European Operations of the Elections Business Unit - MINSAIT (Indra Group)</i></li> <li>• <i>Political participation of persons with intellectual disabilities – Sami Helle, Human Rights and Disability Activist</i></li> <li>• <i>Disability inclusiveness in Belgian local elections – Nora Bednarski, City Councillor, Ixelles commune (Brussels)</i></li> </ul>
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Debate</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	<b>Claiming Rights under the UNCRPD: How and Where?</b>

	<p><i>Moderator: Debbie Kohner, Secretary General of the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enforcement of rights for inclusive education - <i>Oliver De Schutter – Professor at UCLouvain and SciencesPo and Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</i></li> <li>• Role of Equality Bodies in strategic litigation: <i>Tena Simonovic Einwalter, Equinet_President</i></li> <li>• The European Ombudsman and the enforcement of the UNCRPD – <i>Rosita Hickey, Senior Advisor, Cabinet of the European Ombudsman</i></li> <li>• The role of the special rapporteur and the UNCRPD Committee in complaint procedures – <i>Cristina Michels, Human Rights Officer, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights</i></li> </ul>
<b>12:30 – 13:00</b>	<b>Debate</b>
<b>13:00 – 14.30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Interplay between the UNCRPD and the Other International Conventions</b>
	<p><i>Moderator: Catherine Naughton, Director of EDF</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mainstreaming the UNCRPD in other Human Rights Conventions – <i>Victoria Lee, Programme Manager, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights</i></li> <li>• Challenges and opportunities of mainstreaming disability in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) – <i>Ana Pelaez, UN CEDAW Committee member and EDF Vice-President</i></li> <li>• Protocol of the Oviedo Convention on the Protection of Human Rights in the Biomedical field - <i>Katrin Uerpmann, Deputy Secretary of the Committee on Bioethics, Council of Europe</i></li> <li>• The Hague Convention on the Protection of Vulnerable Adults and the interplay with the UNCRPD - <i>Philippe Lortie, First Secretary of HCCH (Hague Conference Conférence de La Haye)</i></li> </ul>
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	<b>Debate</b>
<b>16:30 – 17:00</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Emmanuelle Grange, Head of Unit, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission</i></li> <li>• <i>Rodolfo Cattani, EDF Executive Committee member</i></li> </ul>