

EUROPEAN DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

28 - 29 NOVEMBER 2019

ACCESS CITY AWARD 2020

10 YEARS



Moderation of the event: Sean Klein

DAY 1 – 28 November 2019

8.30 -9.30

Registration and welcome coffee

9.30-10.00

Opening

- **Joost Korte**, Director General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission, DG EMPL
- **Ioannis Vardakastanis**, President of the European Disability Forum
- **Yrsa Nyman**, Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Justice – Finnish Presidency

10.00 – 10.45

Panel 1 – What does the ongoing evaluation of the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 tell us? Have we done well enough?

- **Marco Migliosi**, Policy Officer, Disability and Inclusion unit, DG EMPL
- **Katerina Mantouvalou**, Director, ICF, Consultancy in charge of the evaluation of European Disability Strategy 2010-2020
- Feedback and reactions from the audience

10.45-11.15

Coffee break

11.15- 12.30

Panel 2 – Could we get some useful inspiration from what is happening outside the EU in the disability area?

Chair: **Emmanuelle Grange**, Head of the Disability and Inclusion unit, DG EMPL

- **Ben Gauntlett**, Australia’s Disability Discrimination Commissioner;
- **Yazmine Laroche**, Canadian Deputy Minister for Public Service Accessibility (video message)
- **Catalina Devandas-Aguilar**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities
- Questions and answers

12.30-14.00

Lunch break

14.00-15.15

Panel 3 What do you expect from the EU for the next decade in the disability area?

Chair: **Inmaculada Placencia-Porrero**, Senior expert, Disability and Inclusion unit, DG EMPL

- Part I - Debate with institution and independent mechanisms

- **Video messages** : MEP Marianne Vind, MEP Katrin Langensiepen, MEP Rosa Estaras Ferragut)
- **Ioannis Vardakastanis**, member of the EESC, Rapporteur or the Opinion SOC/616 “Shaping the EU agenda for disability rights 2020-2030”
- **Marta Hirsch-Ziembinska**, Head of Complaints and Inquiries Unit and the Principal Legal Adviser, European Ombudsman
- **Robert-Jan Uhl**, Policy analyst, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- **Gunta Anca**, Executive Committee Member of the European Disability Forum

15.15-15.45

Coffee break

15.45-17.00

- Part II – Debate with NGO

- **Claudia Marinetti**, Director of Mental Health Europe
- **Mark Wheatley**, Executive Director of the European Union of the Deaf
- **Rodolfo Cattani**, President of the European Blind Union
- **Milan Svarepa**, Director of Inclusion Europe

- **Jim Crowe**, President of the European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities
- **Rasmus Isaksson**, board member of the International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus

17.00

End of Day 1

19.30

Dinner

DAY 2 – 29 November 2019

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Panel 4 - How to achieve Sports for All.

- **Angelova- Krasteva**, Director for Innovation, International Cooperation and Sport, European Commission, DG EAC
- **David Lega**, MEP and Paralympic Champion
- **Anne d'Ieteren**, President of the Belgian Paralympic Committee
- **Pietro Cirrincione**, Autism Europe Vice-President and President of Inclusive neurodiverse football club, Rome
- Questions and answers

10.30-11.00

Conclusions

- **Marija Pletikosa**, State Secretary in the Ministry of Demography, Family, Youth and Social Policy – Croatian Presidency
- **Katarina Ivankovic – Knezevic**, Director of the Social Affairs Directorate, European Commission, DG EMPL
- **Ana Pelaez**, Vice-President of EDF

11.00-11.30

Coffee Break

11.30-12.30

Access City Award 2020 Ceremony

Moderation, Lucille Werner

- **Marianne Thyssen** Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility.
- **Katarina Ivankovic – Knezevic**, Director of the Social Affairs Directorate, European Commission, DG EMPL
- **Miriam Haagh**, Deputy Mayor, City of Breda
- **Ioannis Vardakastanis**, President of the European Disability Forum
- **Shadi Abou Zahra**, Chair of the ACA EU jury