



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Europe 2020: Social Policies  
Rights of Persons with Disabilities

**Draft AGENDA for the EU Disability High Level Group**  
**Tuesday 28 April 2015**  
**Committee of the Regions**

**Joint meeting with representatives of civil society (9:30 – 13:00)**

**9:30 – 9:40**

**1. Welcome by director Lieve Fransen**  
(DG Employment, Directorate D: Europe 2020: Social Policies)

**2. Approval of the minutes of the DHLG meeting of 21-22 October 2014**

**9:40 – 11:00**

**3. State of play of ratification of the UNCRPD**

– **Short presentation from IE, FI, NL on the state of play**  
*IE, FI, NL*

**4. Update on the implementation of the UNCRPD recent developments:**

– **a) List of issues and preparation for the EU dialogue**  
*Maria Luisa Cabral*

– **b) Debriefing of the CRPD dialogue: Germany, the Czech Republic, Croatia**  
*DE, CZ, HR*

– **Discussion**

**Coffee break (15 minutes) 11:00-11:20**

**11:20 – 12:00**

**5. Latvian presidency programme**

**6. Peer reviews' system of the Social Protection Committee**

*Information by COM (Egbert Holthuis)*

– **Discussion**

**7. Disability-inclusive disaster management, preparedness and response**

*Presentation by Biljana ZUBER (ECHO), Jean-Charles DE CORDES (Council of Europe)*

**12:00 – 13:00.**

**8. Miscellaneous**

**a) Presentation from the Member States of innovative projects and actions**

- **Implementation of recommendations from The Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities - A Government decision on how to increase knowledge and awareness on the rights of Persons with Disabilities.**

**Measures to improve the situation for persons with cognitive disability.**

*Sweden (Lars X Nilsson)*

**b) Updated information on the monitoring mechanisms in the Member States**

*Request for updated information by COM*

**c) Information on the thematic chapter of the 8<sup>th</sup> DHLG report**

*Information by COM*

- **Discussion**

<b>Lunch break 13:00-14:30</b>
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## **Meeting with Member States' representatives (14:30 – 18:00)**

### **9. How effective is the European Disability Strategy in supporting the Member States in implementing the UN CRPD?**

- *Member States comments on what worked well and what could be done differently;*
- *Concrete proposals.*

### **10. Discussion on the indicators and measuring of the UN CRPD in the Member States**

*This follows a suggestion from Germany*

"Social indicators are indicators referring to the quality of life and the state of a society, allowing comparing it with other societies. Social indicators are used in social reporting and provide orientation for political planning.

A distinction must be made between result indicators, structural indicators and process indicators. Indicators can be derived on the basis of quantitative and qualitative data. Indicators help to judge and assess complex issues.

By ratifying the UN CRPD, a fundamental decision about values was taken. The UN CRPD is a value basis and a benchmark for indicators providing information on the participation of people with disabilities. Human rights-based indicators describe whether and to what extent people with disabilities are guaranteed full enjoyment without discrimination of the rights and freedoms specified in the UN CRPD (see Preamble of the UN CRPD, lit c.). Human rights-based indicators, for example, point out the need for political action.

- 1. Do you measure the degree of the UN CRPD's implementation in your country?**
- 2. Do you use social indicators for this purpose, which are linked to the structure of the UN CRPD standards, indicating whether and to what extent people with disabilities are guaranteed full enjoyment of the rights and freedoms specified under the UN CRPD?**
- 3. Is research conducted in your country on such human rights-based indicators?**
- 4. Are any projects planned in this regard?"**

### **11. Miscellaneous**

**Coffee break (15 minutes) 16:00-16:15**