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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL JUSTICE

Directorate D: Equality  
Unit D.3: Rights of persons with disabilities

Draft AGENDA for the EU Disability High Level Group  
**Tuesday 8 April and Wednesday 9 April 2014**  
At the Conference Centre A. BORSCHETTE – Room 0C  
36 rue Froissart - B-1040 Brussels

## **8 April - Morning**

### **Meeting with Member States' representatives (9.30 – 13.00)**

#### **1. Welcome and presentation of the agenda**

#### **2. Approval of the minutes of the DHLG meeting of 23-24 April 2013**

#### **3. UNCRPD: The 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of State Parties**

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

Presentation and exchange of information on preparations for the 7<sup>th</sup> session that will take place on 10-12 June 2014 in New York. Currently the following 3 topics are under consideration:

- incorporating provisions of the CRPD in the post 2015 development agenda;
- youth with disabilities;
- national implementation and monitoring.

As there will also be elections for the Committee, Member States are invited to inform at the meeting about their possible candidates.

#### **4. InclEUsive Card (European-model Disability Card)**

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

Presentation of progress made by the Project Working Group (PWG).

#### **5. Parking card for people with disabilities**

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

The accession of Croatia to the EU requires amending the Council Recommendation. Discussion about some options that will be described in an issues paper (to be distributed in March). The most suitable way of updating the related publications will also be discussed.

#### **6. The European Accessibility Act and the adoption of standard EN 301 549**

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

Presentation of state of play of the EAA and of the adopted European Standard EN 301 549, which resulted from the Commission's Mandate 376.

## **7. Update on main developments in Member States**

*Presentation: Member State representative(s)*

Member States representatives report on main relevant developments. Please coordinate beforehand with the DHLG secretariat.

### **Break 13.00-14.30**

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## **8 April – Afternoon**

### **Joint meeting with representatives of civil society (14.30 - 18.00)**

#### **8. Welcome and presentation of the agenda**

#### **9. Approval of the minutes of the DHLG meeting of 23 – 24 October 2013**

#### **10. UNCRPD:**

##### **a. EU Report on the implementation of the UNCRPD (Article 35)**

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

Presentation of the state of play of the preparation, consultations and submission.

##### **b. preparation of the next Work Forum**

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

Presentation and stock-taking of the results of the last meeting of the Work Forum in October 2013 and discussion on the choice of main themes for the next Work Forum to be held on 22 and 23 October 2014.

##### **c. The 7th Session of the Conference of State Parties –**

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

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##### **d. Preparation of the 7<sup>th</sup> HLG Report on the implementation of the UNCRPD**

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

## **11. The European Accessibility Act and the adoption of standard EN 301 549**

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

Presentation of state of play of the EAA and of the adopted European Standard EN 301 549, which resulted from the Commission's Mandate 376.

## **12. European Structural and Investment Funds – General and Disability aspects**

*Presentation: DG EMPL and REGIO (tbc)*

Presentation of general rules, novelties and key concepts. Discussion on how the new Regulations could be used to promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities and accessibility.

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## **9 April - Morning**

### **Joint meeting with representatives of civil society (9.00 - 13.00)**

#### **13. InclEUusive Card (European-model Disability Card)**

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

The state of play and progress made by the Project Working Group (PWG) will be presented.

#### **14. Parking card for people with disabilities**

*Presentation: DG CNECT*

Presentation of the project SIMON, which aims at using ICT for reducing fraud with the European model Parking Card and to propose specific multimodal navigation solutions for elderly and people with disabilities.

#### **15. European Semester – state of play**

*Presentation: DG EMPL*

Presentation of the state of play of the European Semester process. Discussion how disability related input can be improved by involving Member States experts.

#### **16. Disability issues in the post-2015 development agenda**

*Presentation: DG JUST.D.3*

The Commission continues to work with the Member States on the preparation of the post 2015 agenda. In the UN, the Open Working Group established by the General Assembly to steer the formulation of the proposal on sustainable development goals (SDGs) is identifying focus areas and thematic clusters. Several focus areas already identify disability matters. Member States will start the identification of the SDGs and accompanying targets during the ninth session of the Open Working Group in early March.

## **17. Political participation**

### **a. Joint ANED and FRA survey on political participation**

*Presentation: ANED and FRA representatives (tbc)*

ANED and FRA have developed a series of indicators on political participation. The data collected will be presented followed by a discussion.

### **b. EDF manifesto for the European elections**

*Presentation: EDF*

EDF will present its manifesto for the European elections

## **18. Info points**

### **a. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the accessibility of public sector bodies' websites**

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

Presentation of the state of play and short discussion

### **b. Sign language pilot project**

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

Information about the progress of the project including the first demonstration of the pilot application taking place in the European Parliament on the occasion of a conference organised by the European Union of the Deaf (EUD) just immediately following the HLG meeting from 12h45 to 16h00.

### **c. Access City Award 2015**

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

Presentation of the brochure of Access City Award 2014 and information about the modalities for participation in the competition for the Access City Award 2015