



Draft AGENDA for the EU Disability High Level Group  
**Wednesday 23 October and Thursday 24 October 2013**  
At the Conference Centre A. BORSCHETTE – Room 2B  
36 rue Froissart - B-1040 Brussels

## **23 October - Morning**

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

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

#### **2. Approval of the record of the HLG meeting of 24 - 25/04/2013**

#### **3. UNCRPD**

##### **a. 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of State Parties**

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

The 6<sup>th</sup> session took place from 17 to 19 July 2013 in New York and was devoted to the theme of "Ensuring adequate standard of living: empowerment and participation of persons with disabilities within the framework of the CRPD".

##### **b. Debriefing of the Austria examination by the CRPD Committee and the list of issues for the Sweden examination**

*Presentation: Austrian member of DHLG – TBC and DG JUST D3*

During its 10th session, the CRPD Committee examined the report of Austria and adopted concluding observations. It also adopted the list of issues on the report submitted by Sweden.

#### **4. General Block Exemption Regulation revision – state of play**

*Presentation: DG COMP - TBC*

The Commission will give a short overview of the draft proposal of the new General Block Exemption Regulation and lead the discussions of the state aid rules and their relevance for the disability policies. Members are invited to share data on relevant practices and size of expenditure.

#### **5. 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.

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

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

The call for proposals launched by DG CNECT for the technical update of the parking card to prevent fraud did not trigger project proposals. The Commission would like to discuss with the members why this opportunity was not used in the end. The Commission would also like to discuss if there is an interest to examine the need for changes in the Recommendation by amending it and the use made of the related informative EU brochure of 2009.

## **7. High Level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on Disability and Development (23 September 2013)**

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

Mainstreaming of disability in development cooperation as a cross-cutting issue and targeted actions has received heightened attention during the year. The Commission will lead the debriefing discussion and drawing of conclusions, in particular referring to the outcome document of the High level meeting and its contribution to the post-2015 development agenda.

**Break 13.00-14.30**

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## **23 October – Afternoon**

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

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

#### **9. Approval of the record of the HLG meeting of 24 - 25/04/2013**

#### **10. Commission report on the implementation of the UNCRPD (Article 35) and progress report on the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020**

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

The state of play of the preparations will be presented.

#### **11. High Level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on Disability and Development (23 September 2013)**

*Introduction: DG JUST D3; comments from civil society*

Mainstreaming of disability in development cooperation as a cross-cutting issue and targeted actions has received heightened attention during the year. The Commission will introduce the debriefing discussion referring to the outcome document of the High level meeting and its contribution to the post-2015 development agenda. Comments from civil society representatives who were there.

## **12. The European Accessibility Act and progress on accessibility standardisation**

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

The state of play of the process that started in 2011 will be presented.

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

*Presentation: ANED and FRA representatives*

The Commission has agreed with ANED and FRA to develop a series of indicators on political participation. In view of the EP 2014 elections it will be important to know which issues are critical for making the elections more inclusive and what elements Member States need to pay attention to in preparing for equal participation of persons with disabilities. The indicators and the data collected will be discussed at the next DHLG meeting in 2014.

## **14. 7<sup>th</sup> HLG Report on the implementation of the UNCRPD (and feedback on the 6<sup>th</sup> report)**

*Presentation: DG JUST D3*

The Commission will start preparing the next DHLG Report and the Members will be invited to share their thoughts on a thematic focus for the upcoming report, taking into account the availability of relevant data.

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## **24 October- Morning**

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

#### **15. Update on Europe 2020 and of the work of the EMCO Indicators Group**

*Presentation: DG EMPL*

The Commission will give an update on disability aspects in the Europe 2020 process and the work of the EMCO Indicators Group.

#### **16. Data collection: publication of first results of LFS *ad-hoc* module and EHSIS-present stand**

*Presentation: DG ESTAT F5*

The new data from LFS will replace old data and be compared with it in all basic info documents used in the field. Discussion should also address future data-gathering needs, notably arguments regarding inclusion of disability variable among the set of core social variables.

#### **17. InclEUsive 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.

## **18. Info points**

- 1. WIPO treaty**
- 2. Sign Language pilot project**
- 3. European Structural and Investment Funds – disability aspects**
- 4. EP own-initiative report on women with disabilities**
- (5. Call for proposals for actions grants - P.M.)**