



Draft AGENDA for the EU Disability High Level Group

Wednesday 24 April and Thursday 25 April 2013

At the Conference Centre A. BORSCHETTE

36 rue Froissart - B-1040 Brussels

24 April- Morning

Joint meeting with representatives of civil society (9.30)

1. Welcome and presentation of the agenda

2. Approval of the record of the HLG meeting of 24 - 25/10/2012.

3. EU 2020 and disability

a. NRP submissions: state of play

Presentation: DG JUST D3

After a short introduction about the state of play with submissions of National Reform Plans by the Member States, DHLG Members are invited to share relevant observations about EU2020 processes in their countries and/or perceptions of the EU actions.

b. impact of austerity

Presentation: Mr. Jan Spooren, Secretary General of European Platform for Rehabilitation (EPR)

EPR was a partner of the European Foundation Centre in a study on the impact of the crisis on persons with disabilities, focused on six countries that was announced in our previous meeting..

4. European-model Disability Card and civil society

Presentation: DG JUST D3

Based on a progress report, the next practical steps, including the potential contribution of civil society, will be explored.

5. Presentation of the results of the ASD Pilot projects

Presentation: DG JUST D3, a partner of a Pilot Project

The idea of pilot projects on employment of persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders was first presented to the Group on 23 March 2010. The project will be concluded in June 2013. Two out of four projects are finished and one of them will be presented in detail.

6. Preparations of the 4th Work Forum

Presentation: DG JUST D3

24 April – Afternoon

Joint meeting with representatives of civil society (14.30 - 17.30)

7. Reporting to the UN

a. Reporting to the UNCRPD Committee

In the session of the UNCRPD Committee of 15-19 April 2013, Austria will receive its list of issues that will be treated in the meeting of September. The Austrian representative will be invited to share first impressions.

b. Preparations for the first report by the EU to the UNCRPD Committee

Presentation: DG JUST D; Contractor for the study

8. Preparation of the 6th HLG Report on the implementation of the UNCRPD

Presentation: DG JUST D3

Progress report and discussion before finalisation. Participants will be asked for their comments and suggestions.

9. Information on the first meeting of the UNCRPD Framework- state of Play

The Commission will inform the Members.

10. European Accessibility Act

The Commission will inform the Members on the preparations for the proposal for the EAA and related actions.

11. Info points

a. Update on LFS-AHM - : progress report on the data preparation

b. Real Time Sign Language Project: a new pilot project

c. Other info points

25 April- Morning (9.00 – 13.00)

Joint meeting with representatives of civil society (9.00 – 13.00)

Extraordinary ad hoc meeting on HLMDD - regional consultation for Europe related to the UN High Level Meeting on Disability and Development (HLMDD) with participation by representatives of non-EU European countries

This morning session is not a part of the regular D-HLG agenda. Representatives from 20 non-EU European countries are also invited to it.

The regional consultation will be a part of the preparatory process for the High-level meeting on 23 September 2013. The main idea is that the regional consultations will draw together high-level representatives from relevant Ministries and other relevant stakeholder groups, including Disabled Peoples Organizations, to discuss issues and priorities for consideration by the HLMDD. Co-facilitators will develop the HLMDD zero draft outcomes document. The expected outcome of the regional consultation will be a declaration to be agreed by participants, which will serve as a contribution to the HLMDD. The countries to be invited are the members of the Council of Europe, a total of 47 countries including the EU 27.

Members of the DHLG are invited to exchange initial views.

A. Introduction to the HLM on disability and development (HLMDD) on 23 September 2013

Spain and the Philippines are the co-facilitator states for the HLMDD. A timeline for the HLMDD's preparation has been drafted and agreed.

B. Presentations

Civil society

Johannes Trimmel, IDDC

The International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) and its members aim to promote inclusive development. Inclusive development means respecting the full human rights of every person, acknowledging diversity, eradicating poverty and ensuring that all people are fully included and can actively participate in development processes and activities regardless of age, gender, disability, state of health, ethnic origin or any other characteristic

EDF

State Parties

EU, MSs

C. Discussion

D. Declaration

A background paper is under preparation and will be circulated in advance.

Break 13.00-14.30

25 April- Afternoon

DHLG meeting with Member State representatives (14.30 – 17.30)

12. Cooperation ahead of the 6th UNCRPD Conference of State Parties

Presentation: DG JUST D3

Discussion on the preparation and the modalities of cooperation.

13. European-model Disability Card

Presentation: DG JUST D3

a. Timetable, Project Working Group

b. Agreeing next steps, asking to verify the list of benefits and readiness to share

14. Preparations for the initial report by the EU to the UNCRPD Committee

Presentation: DG JUST D3

15. Info points

a. CIP call on disability issues, link to the parking card

b. Other info points