



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL JUSTICE

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

Draft AGENDA for the EU Disability High Level Group

Wednesday 24 October and Thursday 25 October 2012

At the Conference Centre A. BORSCHETTE

36 rue Froissart - B-1040 Brussels

24 October- Morning

Meeting with member state representatives (9.30)

- 1. Welcome and presentation of the agenda**
- 2. Approval of the record of the HLG meeting of 10-11/05/2012**
- 3. UNCRPD: the 5th Conference of State Parties**
Presentation: DG JUST D3
The Conference took place on 12-14 September 2011 in New York. Members are invited to discuss preparation, proceedings and lessons for next time.
- 4. Preparations for the first report by the EU to the UNCRPD Committee**
Presentation: DG JUST D3
 - a. Update on preparations for a supporting study
 - b. Cooperation between EU and the Member States
 - c. Review of the European Disability Strategy – backing by the supporting study
 - d. Italy presents highlights of its report to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
 - e. Feedback from the 8th session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – 17 to 28 September 2012
- 5. Preparations for the Accessibility Act**
Presentation: DG JUST D3
The Commission will update the Members on latest developments. Discussion.
- 6. Parking cards – state of the art**
 - a. Commission will take stock of present stand
 - b. Updates from Italy, Bulgaria and Romania on parking card implementation
- 7. Multi-Donor Trust Fund of the UN Partnership**
The topic was briefly introduced at the previous meeting. Proposed for more detailed discussion by Sweden.

Break 13.00-14.30

24 October – Afternoon

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

8. Welcome and presentation of the agenda

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10. UNCRPD: the 5th Conference of State Parties

Presentation: DG JUST D3

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11. State of play in preparations of the UNCRPD Framework

Presentation: DG JUST D3

12. Paper on education and special needs

Presentation: DG EAC

Members are invited to discuss the paper written by NESSE network of experts on the request of the Commission.

13. Europe 2020 and disability: existing mechanisms for taking into account disability issues in the 'European Semester' of economic policy coordination

Presentation: DG JUST D3

Members are invited to inform the Group about the specific impact in their countries of measures related to the 'European Semester' on persons with disabilities.

The Commission will explain the Europe 2020 production flow with possible inputs into Commission Staff Working Documents, Country-Specific Recommendations as well as other instruments of Europe 2020.

14. Preparations for the Accessibility Act

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25 October- Morning

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

15. European-model Disability Card

Presentations: Mr Helmut Heinen (Belgium, EURECARD); European Disability Forum

With a view to practical follow-up steps after the meeting, the Commission invites the Members to revisit the functioning of the EURECARD. The European Disability Forum will present its findings, conclusions and proposals regarding the practical management of an EU-model disability card.

16. Recent activities relevant to the EU Disability Strategy

Presentation: DG JUST D3

The Commission will update the Members on latest developments.

- a. Access City Award**
- b. European Destinations of Excellence (EDEN) 2012-2013 edition: "Accessible tourism"**
- c. Interpretative Guidelines on the application of Regulation (EC) N° 1107/2006 on the rights of persons with reduced mobility travelling by air**
- d. Electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market**
- e. The revision of Public Procurement Directives**

17. Info points

- a. Accessibility aspects of the European Capitals of Culture**
- b. Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities**
- c. The COFACE Guide on the family dimension of the UNCRPD**
- d. EU directive on minimum standards for victims**

18. Any other business

Please notify the secretariat if you would like to suggest any point