

Objective

The aim of this seminar is to provide participants with the necessary knowledge and tools for the successful implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. It will also allow them to exchange best practices in the field.

Key topics

- The UNCRPD: purpose, general principles and obligations, key concepts
- Monitoring role of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and a State's reporting obligation
- Building and implementing European and national disability policies
- How to account for the UNCRPD and include disability issues into the legislative cycle
- Best practices for an inclusive implementation process; involvement of civil society and DPOs
- Key policy issues in comparative light: legal capacity, education, employment, accessibility e.g.: in the field of transport and ICT

Who should attend?

National civil servants and members of NGOs, DPOs and equality bodies from an EU Member State and those candidate countries and EEA/EFTA countries which have decided to participate in the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme, who have an interest in the policy and legislative process related to disability

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Monday, 23 May 2016

- 08:45 Arrival and registration of participants
- 09:00 **Welcome and introduction**
Karine Caunes
- I. IMPLEMENTING THE UNCRPD: KEY PHASES**
- 09:15 **The UNCRPD: key features**
An-Sofie Leenknecht
- The UNCRPD: purpose, general principles and obligations, key concepts
 - The role of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: State reporting and the importance of involving Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs)
- 10:00 Exchange of best practices and questions
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Implementing the UNCRPD: the policy phase**
Inmaculada Placencia Porrero
- Building and implementing a European disability policy: key challenges
 - A concrete example: the European Accessibility Act
- 12:00 Discussion
- 12:20 Lunch break
- 13:30 **Implementing the UNCRPD: the monitoring phase**
Gauthier de Beco
An-Sofie Leenknecht
- Art. 33(1) UNCRPD: Coordination mechanisms
 - Art. 33(2) UNCRPD: independent monitoring mechanisms
 - Art. 33(3) UNCRPD: involvement of civil society & DPOs

- 14:15 Exchange of best practices and questions
- 14:40 **Implementing the UNCRPD: the legislative phase**
André Gubbels
Deaglán Ó Briain
An-Sofie Leenknecht
- Accounting for the UNCRPD in legislation
 - How to conduct a disability impact assessment: guidelines and best practices
 - Including the voice of persons with disabilities in the legislative process: best practices
- 16:00 Coffee break
- II. KEY POLICY ISSUES**
- 16:30 **Parallel sessions**
- Option 1: Legal capacity**
Camille Latimier
Effective support in decision-making and safeguards for the autonomy of persons with disabilities: challenges and practical model
- Option 2: Education and employment**
Gauthier de Beco
- Segregated/inclusive education
 - Sheltered workshops/open labour market
 - Transition from education to employment
- 17:10 **Simulation exercises: Step-by-step – an inclusive legislative process**
Gauthier de Beco, André Gubbels, Camille Latimier, An-Sofie Leenknecht, Deaglán Ó Briain
- 18:30 End of the first day
- 20:00 Dinner

Tuesday, 24 May 2016

Focus on accessibility

- 9:15 **Accessibility**
Alejandro Moledo
- Art. 9 UNCRPD and related General Comment
 - Use of accessibility standards in support of legislation
- 10:00 Discussion
- 10:15 Coffee break
- 10:45 **Parallel sessions**
- Option 1: Focus on transport**
Ruth Lopian
- EU legal framework
 - Next steps
- Option 2: Focus on ICT**
Alejandro Moledo
- Assessing and promoting e-accessibility: a comparative overview (web, telecoms, TV)
 - The Audiovisual Media Services Directive
 - Revised EU regulatory framework for electronic communications
 - Proposed Directive on the accessibility of public sector bodies' website
- 11:30 Workshops and exchange of national experiences
- 13:00 Light lunch and end of seminar

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