
The Latvian Presidency of the EU Council

High Level Meeting on Disability

“From Inclusive Education to Inclusive Employment for People with Disabilities”

Riga, 11 – 12 May, 2015

Monday, 11 May

- 11:00 **Registration of participants**
Venue: National Library of Latvia, Mūkusalas iela 3, Riga
- 11:00 – 13:00 **Ministerial – lunch discussion**
Venue: Hall “Jūra” (Languages: EN, LV)
- 13.10 – 13:30 **Press conference**
Mr Uldis Augulis, Minister of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia
Mr Nils Muiznieks, Council of Europe, Commissioner for Human Rights
Mr Yannis Vardakastanis, President of European Disability Forum
Venue: Hall “Baltija” (Languages: EN, LV)
- 13:30 – 14:15 **Opening**
Moderator: Mr Juris Jansons, Ombudsman of the Republic of Latvia
Mr Uldis Augulis, Minister of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia
Ms Mārīte Seile, Minister of Education and Science, Latvia
Ms Maria-Luisa Cabral, Head of Unit for the Rights of persons with disabilities,
European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
Mr Nils Muiznieks, Council of Europe, Commissioner for Human Rights
Mr Yannis Vardakastanis, President of European Disability Forum

Venue: Hall “Rīga”, (Languages: EN, FR, DE, LV)
- 14:15 – 16:00 Panel discussion I – “Towards disability policies based on human rights model”
*Moderator: Ms Layla de Cogan Chin, Head of UNCRPD Implementation Unit,
Equality Division, Department of Justice and Equality, Ireland*

Statements by Countries:



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REPUBLIC OF LATVIA



Mr Margus Tsahkna, Minister of Social Protection, Estonia

Mr Guy Lööv, political adviser to the Minister for Children, the Elderly and Gender Equality, Sweden

Mr Pál Szekeres, Ministerial Commissioner for Disability, Hungary

Presentations:

Ms Catalina Devandas Aguillar, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of Persons with disabilities - Challenges ahead

Mr João Afonso, Deputy – Mayor responsible for Social Affairs, Lisbon, member of Eurocities network - Delivering human rights on local level

Mr Mark Priestley, Scientific Director, Academic Network of European Disability experts (ANED) - Five years after UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disability ratification in the EU

Discussion.

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16:00 – 16:30

Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00

Parallel work sessions – “Rights of children with disabilities”

Session 1 – “From inclusive education to employment”

Moderator: Ms Aagje Ieven, Eurochild , Senior Advocacy & Campaign Coordinator

Rapporteur: Mr Branislav Mamojka, President of the Slovak Disability Council, Slovakia

Mr Pat Clarke, CEO Down Syndrome Ireland - Vocational education, access to labour market

Ms Tiina Mäki-Gaetz, Ms Satu Kataja, Validia Vocational College, Finland - On transition from school to labor market, career guidance, choice of the right profession.

Mr David Morales, Fundación ADECCO, Spain - Successful programs for youth with disability to involve into the labour market

Ms Ulrike Rebhandl, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria – Integration and Inclusion of young people with disabilities in working life

Venue: Hall “Rīga”, (Languages: EN, FR, DE, LV)



Session 2 – “Inclusive education – doing away with barriers”

Moderator: Ms Irena Kowalczyk-Kedziora, Council of Europe, DG II – Democracy

Rapporteur: Ms Dovile Juodkaite, President of the Lithuanian Forum of the Disabled

Ms Nevena Peneva, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights - Violence against children with disabilities in schools: triggers, characteristics and prevention measures

Ms Victoria Soriano, Assistant Director, European Agency for Development in Special Needs Education - Role of support measures in favour of inclusive education

Ms Carla Bonino, Transnational Cooperation Coordinator, European Programmes Unit, Fundación ONCE - The experience of incluD-ed Network: promoting inclusive education in Europe

Ms Catherine Naughton, director of European Disability Forum - How do assistive technologies enable inclusive education

Venue: Hall “Zemgale”

Working language: English

19.00 – 21.30

Dinner at Latvian Railway History Museum

Transport from venue to Hotels

Tuesday, 12 May

Transport from Hotels to venue

9.00 – 11.00

Panel discussion II – “How to overcome barriers for successful employment?”

Moderator: Ms Anna Ludwinek, Research Manager, Eurofound.

Debrief from Work sessions:

Mr Branislav Mamojka, President of the Slovak Disability Council, Slovakia

Ms Dovile Juodkaite, President of the Lithuanian Forum of the Disabled

Ms Gunta Anča, EDF vice-president, Latvian representative to European Economic and Social Committee - Flexicurity and protection of people with disabilities in the labor market

Mr Luk Zelderloo, EASPD secretary general - Role of support services in addressing the employment of people with disabilities

Mr Henrik Moller , ILO Global Business and Disability Network

Dr Paul Litchfield, British Telecom, Chief Medical Officer, and Director of Wellbeing, Inclusion, Health & Safety - Employing persons with disabilities in the private sector

Venue: Hall "Rīga", (Languages: EN, FR, DE, LV)

11.00-11.30

Coffee break

11.30-12.40

Closing session – “Moving forward”

Moderator: Ms Ieva Jaunzeme, State Secretary of the Ministry of Welfare, Latvia

Ms Aija Barča, Chair, Employment and Social Affairs Committee of the Saeima, Latvia

Ms Maria-Luisa Cabral, Head of Unit for the Rights of persons with disabilities, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Mr Brando Benifei, European Parliament, Vice-president to the Disability Intergroup

Mr Yannis Yallouros, Member of EDFs Executive Committee

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12.40 – 12.50

Closing remarks by Mr Uldis Augulis, Minister of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia

13.00 – 14.00

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Transport from venue to Airport